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- CFD-compatible syngas chemical kinetics mechanism has been developed for micro-pilot ignited supercharged dual-fuel engine combustion.
- The new mechanism predicted in-cylinder combustion performance well for both biomass and coke-oven syngas.
- Due to the strong temperature dependence of  $\text{HO}_2 + \text{OH} = \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$  reaction, two expressions of this reaction were used to accurately simulate biomass-derived syngas.
- To accurately simulate coke-oven syngas, the rate parameter for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H} = \text{H}_2 + \text{HO}_2$  reaction had to be adopted from Hong et al.[49] with the adjusted power factor, with the rate which is outside of the uncertainty factor limits proposed by Konnov [42].

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## 57 **Nomenclature**

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59	BTDC:	Before top dead centre
60	ATDC:	After top dead centre
61	CA:	Crank angle
62	CI:	Compression ignition
63	CNG:	Compressed natural gas
64	IC:	Internal combustion
65	ROHR (J/deg):	Rate of heat release
66	SI:	Spark ignition
67	TDC:	Top dead centre
68	BMG:	Biomass Gasification
69	COG:	Coke-Oven Gasification

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## 1. Introduction

Advanced reciprocating engines are considered a potential means of converting syngas into power because of their role in distributed energy production and their combination of high efficiency and low cost [1]. Syngas consists of combustible gases composed of mainly carbon monoxide (CO), hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and non-combustible gases composed of mainly nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Varying proportions of H<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, and N<sub>2</sub> may be present [2]. Mixtures of H<sub>2</sub> and CO have high antiknock behaviour and therefore could serve as fuels for internal combustion engines [3, 4]. However, the addition of hydrogen to carbon monoxide or methane tends to increase combustion temperatures and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions under stoichiometric conditions [5]. Therefore, such mixtures are more appropriate for lean-burn applications, where combustion temperatures are moderated by excess air.

The main benefit of utilizing syngas as a fuel for power generation is obtained when syngas is used in dual-fuel engines that operate under compression ignition with a lean mixture, using a pilot injection of diesel fuel [8]. Some fuels do not have sufficient ignition properties to enable ignition, so two fuels must be used. The ignition of the primary fuel (typically gaseous) is activated by the in-cylinder conditions. In this case, first, a pilot diesel fuel is injected, resulting in ignition and a subsequent temperature rise in the combustion chamber [7, 8]. Then, the primary gaseous fuel, which in this case is syngas, is ignited as the chamber temperature increases, with subsequent combustion. Dual-fuel engines have been employed for a wide range of applications to utilize gaseous fuels. They are most commonly modified diesel engines and can achieve very low emission levels, particularly for smoke and particulates. The benefits of the dual-fuel conversion, if compared to the conventional diesel engine operation, include high efficiency, fuel flexibility, smoother and quieter operation, significantly longer engine life between overhauls, fuel savings, and enhanced safety.

A few published works have described the use of syngas as a fuel for internal combustion (IC) engines. These include the work of Karim and coworkers [9, 10], McMillian and Lawson [11], Christodoulou and Megaritis [12]. Bilcan [13] studied the use of various gaseous fuels, including syngas, in dual-fuel engines.

Baratieri *et al.* [14] conducted a comparative analysis on the use of biomass-based syngas in internal-combustion (IC) engines and combined-cycle gas turbine (CCGT) plants. They concluded that the IC engine configuration is characterized by a significant thermal energy fraction that makes it possible to reach global energy efficiencies higher than 70%. Boehman and Le Corre [15] surveyed the published work on syngas combustion in reciprocating engines and focused on dual-fuel combustion in compression-ignition engines. Tomita *et al.* [16] investigated the combustion characteristics and performance of supercharged syngas with micro-pilot ignition in a dual-fuel engine. With a certain increase in syngas hydrogen content, the engine was found to operate with stable combustion and high efficiency, even at an equivalence ratio of 0.45, because the increased hydrogen content enhanced the lean limit of the mixture. Roy *et al.* [17, 18] studied the effect of hydrogen content in the syngas produced from biomass and the effect of exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) in the syngas produced from hydrogen-rich coke oven gas on the performance and exhaust emissions of a dual-fuel engine. They found that the engine power with the high-H<sub>2</sub>-content syngas increased by 12%, and that the high-H<sub>2</sub>-content syngas was superior to the low-H<sub>2</sub>-content gas for leaner operations.

Because the composition of syngas depends on the solid feedstock and its gasification process, it is very difficult to model and predict engine in-cylinder syngas combustion. A universal CFD-compatible syngas chemical kinetics mechanism must be developed that could cover the broad range of syngas composition and engine combustion conditions. While developing syngas mechanism usually H<sub>2</sub>/CO structure is considered, however some syngas types derived from biomass and coke-oven solid feedstock may also include CH<sub>4</sub>, as shown in this paper. Another complexity rises due to the effect of in-cylinder turbulence on combustion.

Improvements made to the fuel flexibility of syngas-combustion technology by optimizing the combustion mechanism will provide for an increased acceptable range in the variation of fuel composition and conditions. Several research groups have developed chemical kinetics mechanisms to simulate syngas combustion. Yetter *et al.* [19] developed a comprehensive reaction mechanism for CO and H<sub>2</sub>, which are considered the main combustible species in syngas. Saxena and Williams [20] tested a small detailed chemical kinetic



mechanism for the combustion of hydrogen and carbon monoxide. They made a few revisions to the rate parameters for the elementary steps in the mechanism for hydrogen [21–24], deleted the hydrogen initiation step, and added an initiation step for CO along with changes to the three-body recombination rates and chaperon efficiencies. They reported that with these changes, a reasonable agreement was obtained with measured burning velocities, diffusion-flame extinction conditions, and autoignition times. Frassoldati *et al.* [25, 26] studied the combustion and flame structure of CO–H<sub>2</sub> mixtures. They developed a kinetic scheme for turbulent diffusion flames by coupling a kinetic postprocessor with a computational fluid dynamics (CFD) code to investigate the flame structure and pollutant formation. Slavinskaya *et al.* [27] developed a skeletal reaction mechanism for syngas combustion in gas turbines with 12 species and 20 irreversible reactions. This mechanism was validated for pressures up to 20 bar with different mixture contents and fuel–air ratios. Starik *et al.* [28] developed a kinetic model that describes the processes of ignition and combustion of CO–H<sub>2</sub>–O<sub>2</sub>–N<sub>2</sub> mixtures. The model was validated over wide ranges of temperature, pressure, and equivalence ratio using experimental data for the ignition delay time and laminar-flame propagation velocity, and also for the evolution of the most important species. Sun *et al.* [29] studied high-pressure flame speeds and performed kinetic modelling of CO/H<sub>2</sub> combustion. The comparison between the modelled results and laboratory measurements suggested that the accuracy of the thermochemical data and the elementary rate constants is crucial for obtaining satisfactory performance of the reaction mechanism. Sivaramakrishnan *et al.* [30] studied the combustion of CO/H<sub>2</sub> mixtures at elevated pressures. They showed that the model they developed underpredicted CO and O<sub>2</sub> decay and CO<sub>2</sub> formation at very high pressures of 256 and 450 bars. They concluded that HO<sub>2</sub> radical reactions appear to be among the most sensitive reactions in the model under these conditions. Cavaliere *et al.* [31] modelled kinetically the ignition of syngas/air mixtures at low temperature and high pressure with the four reaction mechanisms described by Frassoldati *et al.* [25], Saxena and Williams [20], Yetter *et al.* [19], and GRI Mech 3.0 [32]. They found that for a mixture of CO and H<sub>2</sub>, all mechanisms predicted the experimental data accurately for temperatures above 1000 K regardless of the pressure. But

below this temperature, the simulation results deviated from the experimental data. Mittal *et al.* [33] used experiments with a rapid-compression machine and numerical studies to evaluate the combustion mechanism for CO/H<sub>2</sub> mixtures at high pressures in the range of 15–50 bar and at temperatures of 950–1100 K. Their results demonstrated that any evaluation of a kinetic scheme by reference to ignition delays must be treated with some caution when the kinetic uncertainties are not taken into account. Chaos and Dryer [34] reviewed the possibility of using gas turbine syngas combustion with higher pressures and lower temperatures to test the comprehensive nature of the existing detailed chemical kinetic models. They proposed kinetic changes to improve the predictions of syngas combustion under these conditions and emphasized that the higher-pressure, lower-temperature conditions encountered in gas turbines point to the importance of and the need for further theoretical as well as experimental studies of elementary reactions involving HO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> chemistry.

Keromnes *et al.* [35] performed detailed chemical kinetic modelling study of hydrogen and syngas mixtures at elevated pressures and presented new oxidation data. The mechanism accurately reproduces high-pressure and intermediate- to high-temperature data relevant to gas turbine conditions. They showed that syngas chemistry is governed by the hydrogen chemistry, and CO addition has an inhibiting effect. The predictions of the mechanism for a series of fundamental shock tube, RCM, and flame speed experiments are in good agreement. However, some differences appear at low to intermediate temperatures due to the importance of the oxidation pathway through reactions  $\text{H} + \text{O}_2(+\text{M}) = \text{HO}_2(+\text{M})$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(+\text{M}) = \text{OH} + \text{OH}(+\text{M})$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H} = \text{H}_2 + \text{HO}_2$ .

Lee *et al.* [36] performed comprehensive comparison of chemical kinetics mechanisms for syngas/biogas mixtures. They found that NUIG2013 mechanism [37] was in closest agreement with the measured ignition delay and laminar flame speed for the investigated mixtures. However, there are several mixture compositions and conditions for which the NUIG2013 mechanism fails to accurately predict the ignition delay time results. These include syngas mixtures with CH<sub>4</sub> gas content, and CH<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub> mixtures at low hydrogen concentrations ( $\leq 40\%$  H<sub>2</sub>).

Olm et al. [38] compared 16 chemical kinetics mechanisms developed by different authors and identified well performing mechanisms and those that are only good at certain conditions for a certain types of experiments. They have concluded that three of syngas mechanisms, Keromnes-2013 [35], NUIG-NGM-2010 [39] and Li-2007 [40] showed closest match with experiments, while others may only excel in certain categories and are not able to provide general reliability across the various types of experiments.

The syngas mechanisms described above were mainly developed under the conditions which excluded the effect of turbulence and they are not able to accurately represent the interactions between turbulent fluid dynamics and chemical kinetics in an IC engine cylinder. These turbulence–chemistry interactions can have significant effects on ignition delay, flame stability and pollutant formation during engine combustion. There is an urgent need for a reliable engine-simulation model that represents the turbulence–chemistry interactions by combining CFD and a syngas chemical kinetics. It has been shown that the effects of turbulent mixing must be considered to obtain better agreement with experiments during the combustion phase [41]. In earlier studies we made an attempt to analyse dual-fuel engine combustion with syngas and developed a syngas chemical kinetics mechanism. In this work the important hydrogen-based reaction rates proposed by Keromnes et al. [35] and Konnov [42] were included into mechanism and comprehensive study was performed to develop IC engine-compatible syngas chemical kinetics mechanism and validate against engine experiments. This model will help predict the combustion behaviour of syngas with various chemical compositions from different feedstock, such as biomass, coal, and refinery residues, as a necessary precondition for establishing numerical tools to verify system designs at early developmental stages.

## **2. Numerical and experimental setup**

In this study, two types of combustion analysis were performed. First, a zero-dimensional chemical kinetic analysis was performed using the Digital Analysis of Reaction Systems (DARS) [43]. DARS has been built with the specific purpose of enabling detailed chemical kinetics analysis to engineering applications, with one

particular focus on internal combustion engines. It handles gas phase chemistry via a suite of reactor models and reaction mechanisms. For this work we used a single-zone model for homogeneous-charge compression-ignition (HCCI), rapid compression machine (RCM) model and free propagating flame model. This analysis was performed to compare a new syngas chemical kinetics mechanism with existing mechanisms and validated against the experiments performed with constant volume reactor, shock tube and RCM. Several characteristics of syngas combustion were compared, such as, ignition delay, flame propagation, in-cylinder pressure and temperature. For DARS HCCI analysis the intake-valve closure (IVC) time was 135 crank-angle degrees (CA°) before top dead centre (BTDC), and the simulation was run for 265 CA°. The gas mixture pressure and temperature at IVC were 225 kPa and 450 K, respectively. DARS RCM analysis was performed at compression pressures (2-80bar) and temperatures (450-1000K). To calculate the laminar flame speed, free propagating flame model was used at pressures (1-80bar) and temperatures (298-1000K).

Second, a multidimensional CFD analysis was performed using the Star-CD V4.2 code simulating the combustion in a water-cooled four-stroke single-cylinder engine with two intake and two exhaust valves, described in detail in [17]. In this engine, the autoignition of a small quantity of diesel pilot fuel, injected into the combustion chamber before top dead centre (TDC), initiates the combustion. The burning diesel fuel then ignites the gaseous fuel. A commercial solenoid-type injector that is typically used for diesel-only operations was modified to ensure that only a small quantity of fuel was injected. The seven-hole nozzle of the commercial injector was replaced by one with four holes, 0.1 mm in diameter. The diesel-fuel injection timing and duration were controlled through signals transferred to the injector from the injector driver. A common-rail injection system was employed to supply a constant injection pressure of 80 MPa to the injector. The quantity of injected pilot diesel fuel was 1.2 mg/cycle. The simulations began from the intake valve closure at 135° CA BTDC and were carried until 130° CA after top dead centre (ATDC). The simulation conditions with the engine specifications and different types of primary gaseous fuel compositions used in this study are given in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. This version of Star-CD incorporates the CHEMKIN code to formulate the

gas-phase chemistry with an advanced solver approach. The Star-CD code provides CHEMKIN with the thermodynamic information for the computational cells, and the CHEMKIN code returns the new species information after solving the chemistry. After solutions are obtained for all cells, the mass transfer, heat transfer, and flow between cells are simulated by the corresponding sub-models. Then, the interactions between the turbulent mixing and the chemical reactions are implemented. The CFD model was based on the Reynolds-averaged governing equations; it was set to account for turbulence, the liquid fuel-injection spray, and chemical mechanisms and was used the experimental conditions. The standard high-Reynolds number  $k-\epsilon$  model was used for the turbulence modelling. A constant temperature of 450 K was used for the cylinder wall and cylinder head, and 500 K was used for the piston surface. The pressure-implicit split-operator (PISO) algorithm was used to simulate the transient flow of the engine. The injection process included the flow in the nozzle hole and the atomisation process. The properties of atomisation and secondary break-up were calculated by the Reitz–Diwakar model [44, 45]. To reduce the computation time, a  $90^\circ$  moving-sector mesh of 13,256 cells with cyclic boundaries was used to represent a bowl-in-piston configuration that was representative of the experimental single-cylinder pilot-ignited dual-fuel engine [17]. A grid size between 0.5 and 2.0 mm and a time step of  $0.1^\circ$  CA provided good numerical accuracies and computation stabilities. The sensitivity of the grid was validated by comparing the motoring in-cylinder pressure histories from experiments.

### **3. Development of the syngas kinetics mechanism**

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in-cylinder combustion and the effect of turbulence must be considered [41].

Therefore, for this research we have developed a CFD-compatible syngas chemical kinetics mechanism, shown in Table 3, which can simulate dual-fuel engine combustion at various engine conditions, as shown in Tables 1 and 2. The mechanism was compared with H<sub>2</sub>/CO syngas mechanisms developed and validated against experiments by other authors {Keromnes et.al. [35], Frassoldatti et al. [25] and GRI Mech 3.0 [32]}. To consider CH<sub>4</sub> component in the syngas composition, the nine-step reduced mechanism for CH<sub>4</sub> autoignition by Li *et al.* [46] was used to add methane chemistry to H<sub>2</sub>/CO reactions. To simulate the pilot-injected diesel spray and ignition, the chemistry of C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub> was included in the constructed mechanisms as a single-step reaction,  $C_7H_{16} + 11O_2 = 7CO_2 + 8H_2O$ , based on an eddy breakup (EBU) mixing representation by specifying the EBU reaction parameters [47]. Previous studies have shown that for conventional diesel combustion, both diesel and C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub> fuels show a similar ROHR [48]. This implies that C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub> is only used to initiate the pilot ignition of syngas. After the syngas is ignited, the combustion proceeds without any C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub> chemistry. The reason for this simplification is that the amount of injected diesel fuel was 1.2 mg/cycle, which provides only 2% of the total energy value in the cylinder, with negligible contribution to the total ROHR. Previous results [17, 18] have shown that when micro-pilot injection is used, the ROHR profiles do not include any changes due to the pilot diesel fuel combustion, which is opposite to what has been found when the amount of pilot-injected fuel is high, as in [15]. Additionally, the experimental results showed an undetectable level of soot formation during micro-pilot diesel fuel combustion.

### 3.1 Sensitivity analysis

A sensitivity analysis was performed for syngas Type 1 at temperature 1000K, equivalence ratio 0.63 and pressure 10, 30 and 50 bar. In DARS, the sensitivity analysis is a representation of a simultaneous reaction flow. Sensitivities are transported through the mechanism in the sense that a species is rated according to its own importance and its involvement in producing or consuming important species [43]. The species

sensitivity, defined for each species, represents the sensitivity towards a chosen parameter  $A$ , and is the sum of the reaction sensitivities in which the species participate:

$$S_{A,i}^S = \left| \sum_{k=1}^{N_r} \frac{\partial \psi_A}{\partial r_k} \cdot \frac{v'_{i,k}}{c_i} r_k \right| \quad (1)$$

Here  $S_{A,i}^S$  contains the information on how sensitive an arbitrary parameter  $A$  in the vector of unknowns,  $\partial \psi_A$ , is to species  $i$ .

From sensitivity analysis the main hydrogen- and carbon-based reactions that play a key role were identified as shown in Figure 1. The importance of these reactions was also highlighted by other research groups [35, 42, 49]. This analysis shows that  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(+\text{M})=\text{OH}+\text{OH}(+\text{M})$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2+\text{H}=\text{H}_2+\text{HO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}+\text{H}_2\text{O}=\text{CO}_2+\text{H}_2$  reactions contribute to the increasing reactivity of the mixture and  $\text{H}_2+\text{O}=\text{OH}+\text{H}$ ,  $\text{O}_2+\text{CO}=\text{CO}_2+\text{O}$  and  $\text{CH}_4+\text{OH}=\text{CH}_3+\text{H}_2\text{O}$  reactions contribute to the decreasing reactivity. A brief description of importance of each of these reactions is given below.

#### (R20) $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(+\text{M})=\text{OH}+\text{OH}(+\text{M})$

The dissociation of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  radicals is characterized by many researchers as the central kinetic feature in the operation of HCCI engines, or the key factor for the abnormal combustion phenomena, such as engine knock, in SI engines [49, 50]. This is because the decomposition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  via R20 gives access for secondary reactions and forms very reactive OH radicals [51]. Two different studies have been conducted to investigate the low-pressure limit and high-pressure limit rate constants. First Hong et al. [52], investigated R20 by using a laser absorption diagnostics for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and OH [52, 53] at 1.8 atm pressure. Their results were in agreement with a previous study by Kappel et al. [51], although they have lower experimental uncertainty. They suggested a new lower-pressure limit rate constant for R20 and a high-pressure limit rate constant from a different study conducted by Sellevag [54]. The second study, conducted by Troe et al [55], suggests new pressure dependent rate constants by performing a theoretical study based on experimental data. Due to the lower level of experimental uncertainty Hong's set of rate constants has been adopted in this study for R20.

Other studies showed that at higher pressures,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  concentration increases during  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(+\text{M}) = \text{OH} + \text{OH}(+\text{M})$  reaction [56]. This is because at higher pressures, the high concentration of the mixture, including enhanced third-body efficiencies M, leads to a sufficient concentration of  $\text{HO}_2$ , which is less reactive than other free radicals, forming  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . Before high temperatures are reached, the characteristic reaction time of  $\text{H}_2/\text{CO}$  mixtures is long [34]. This reduction in reaction sensitivity causes the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  concentration to increase. It was also shown that as the equivalence ratio increases, the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{OH}$  ratio gradually decreases and the higher syngas initial  $\text{H}_2$  concentration provides an enhanced chain-initiation process through  $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{OH}$  or  $\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{HO}_2$  reactions, ensuring the occurrence of subsequent chain-branching reactions along with an increase in the OH concentration.

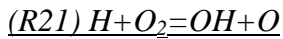


R24 has a key role in hydrogen combustion and is responsible for the reactivity at low temperatures [35]. Therefore, the temperature and pressure dependence of the chain propagation reaction R24 has been studied extensively by many researchers [42]. Fernandes et al [57], proposed pressure and temperature dependent rate constant for a temperature range between 300 -900 K and a pressure range between 1.5 to 900 bars. The authors have tried to extend the temperature and pressure range by using the unimolecular rate theory. However, at temperature ranges from 1000 to 1200 K, the mixture reactivity decreased significantly while the ignition delay time increased. This is because of the low pressure limit rate constant which uses argon as a bath gas. Bates et al. [58] studied the pressure and temperature dependence of R24 at temperature ranges from 1020 to 1260 K and pressure ranges from 10 to 50 bars by using argon. They proposed low pressure limit rate constant that was in a good agreement with the experimental data.

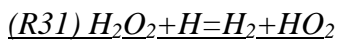
Finally, during a new study by Keromnes et al. [35], a “hybrid” expression of rate constant was used by combining the high pressure limit rate constants proposed by Fernandes [57] and the low pressure limit rate constant proposed by Bates et al. [58]. The new hybrid rate constants showed a good agreement with the



experimental data at all the temperature and pressure ranges. Therefore, in our mechanism we adopted the new rate constants proposed by Keromnes et al. [35].



R21 is one of the most important reactions in the syngas chemical reaction mechanism. It is a leading reaction which is responsible for the control of the fuels oxidation at temperatures higher than 1000 K [35]. Because of its sensitivity, the rate constants used in different mechanisms vary. For example, the rate constant proposed by Piraglia et al. [59] were adopted by Muller et al. [60] and Oconnair et al. [61], in order to reproduce more accurate explosion limit at temperatures between 680-900 K. Other authors such as Keromnes et al. [35] used a rate constant proposed by Hong et al. [62], which has 10% uncertainty at temperature ranges from 1100 to 3370 K. During this study the rate constant from Fernandes Gallisteo et al. [63] was adopted to show a good agreement with the experimental results.



This reaction is very important under low temperatures and high pressure conditions. The consumption of one  $HO_2$  radical leads to the production of one  $H_2O_2$  molecule. The decomposition of  $H_2O_2$  will, in turn, lead to the formation of two high reactive OH radicals [35]. Therefore it can be said that R31 is responsible for the increase of the reactivity. Due to its high sensitivity this reaction has been studied in detail by many authors in order to find the best rate constants [42]. The rate constants recommended by Tsang et al. [64] is by a factor of 3 higher than the rate constants recommended by Baulch et al. [65]. Different rate constants result in different ignition delay times, as shown by Keromnes et al. [35]. For example at 50 bar and 1000K the ignition delay times obtained by Baulch et al. [65] were by a factor of 3 different than the ignition delay times obtained by Tsang et al. [64]. During a study by Ellingson et al. [66] the rate constants are calculated by using the canonical variational transition state theory. The calculated ignition delay times from Ellingson approach were in a good agreement with Mittal et al. calculations [67]. The rate constant recommended by Konnov [42] was adopted

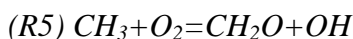
with exponential factor  $A = 7.7E12$ , which lies within the stated level of uncertainty, in order to get the best agreement of our mechanism with the experimental data and with the ignition delay times from other already proposed mechanisms.



According to Li et al. [40], the laminar flame speed and the mixture reactivity are sensitive to R9 [68]. Therefore, in order to obtain the best agreement with the experimental data and the laminar flame speed measurements the reaction constants proposed by Frassoldati et al. [25] were used in this study.



This reaction is responsible for the consumption of  $CH_4$  and the formation of  $CH_3$  radicals. Different rate constants have been proposed in the literature and used in different chemical reaction mechanisms by different researchers. The rate constant used for GRI Mech 3.0 [32] was based on the Cohen's Transition State Theory and validated against experimental data [69]. Baulch et al. [70] also proposed a new rate constant based on the study of Madronich and Felder [71] with an extended temperature range from 250 to 2500 K. Srinivasan et al. [72] on the other hand proposed a new non-Arrhenius expression for a temperature range between 195-2025 K. Li and Williams [73] used a rate constant for R4 which shows a good level of accuracy and it was in a good agreement with the measured and calculated data. In our study we used the rate constant from Li and Williams [73] which gave a good match with our experimental results.



One of the most important reactions for the accurate prediction of methane ignition delay time is R5 [74]. The importance of that reaction forced researchers to investigate in detail the temperature and pressure dependence of R5 and propose different rate constants. For example, the rate constant used in San Diego mechanism [75] is higher by a factor of forty-two from the rate constant used in GRI Mech 3.0 [32]. The rate constant proposed by Srinivasan et al. [76], is one order of magnitude lower than the rate constant suggested by Herbon et al. [77].

418 In our mechanism we used the rate constants proposed by Frassoldati et al. [25].

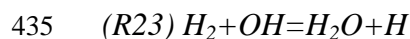
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421 The consumption and the production of hydrogen radicals play a key role on the ignition delay times and the  
422 laminar flame speed and in general are very important for the in-cylinder combustion. Therefore, reactions  
423 which are responsible for the production of H radicals have been investigated in deep by different researchers  
424 in order to find the most accurate rate constant during low and high temperature and pressure conditions.  
425 R22 is responsible for the production of H and OH radicals. The production of OH radicals leads to the  
426 initiation of reaction R23 which will be discussed in the next paragraph. According to a review by Baulch et al.  
427 [78], the most accurate rate constant for R22 was proposed by Sutherland et al. [79]. The expression from  
428 Sutherland is compared with the measurements from Natarajan and Roth [80] at temperature range from 1713  
429 to 3532 K, with Davidson and Handson [81] validated at ranges from 2120-2750 K and finally tested by Javoy  
430 et al. [82] at temperatures 2690-3360 K. For all of the temperature ranges the expression proposed by  
431 Sutherland showed a very good agreement with the measurements. During this study we used the rate constant  
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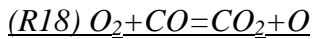
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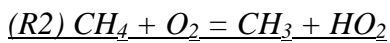


436 The production of OH radicals from R22, triggers R23. The reaction between  $H_2$  and OH radicals leads to the  
437 conversion of OH to H atoms. Laminar flame speed and ignition delay times are also very sensitive to this  
438 reaction [83]. Many researchers investigated the rate constants and proposed a value to accurately predict the  
439 sensitivity of this reaction to the temperature changes. For temperature ranges between 300 and 2500 K,  
440 Baulch et al. [78] proposed a new rate constant which was used also by Konnov [84, 85]. However, a second  
441 research by Baulch et al. [65] based on the work of Michael et al. [86] and Oldenberg et al. [87], showed that  
442 R23 is very sensitive to the temperature changes. At 300 K the uncertainty factor of R23 was 1.2 increasing to  
443 2 at temperature 2500 K [65]. Therefore, a new rate constant has been proposed by Baulch et al. [65] in order

to satisfy the uncertainty of R23 at different temperatures. In this study we used the rate constant proposed by Sutherland et al. [79].



According to a research by Saxena et al. [20], although reaction 18 does not affect the laminar burning velocities, it is very important for the ignition initiation and the ignition delay times especially at lower hydrogen content. This reaction is therefore an essential reaction and is added to the mechanisms by using the rate constant from Frassoldati et al [25].



The preignition chemistry of methane is initiated primarily by this reaction. At high pressures or in the initial stages of hydrocarbon oxidation, high concentrations of  $HO_2$  can initiate reaction  $CO + HO_2 = CO_2 + OH$  [88]. Thus, CO oxidation at high pressures can be modelled by adding reaction  $CO + HO_2 = CO_2 + OH$  to the syngas kinetics mechanism, as shown by Kim *at al.* [89]. This reaction is the most sensitive of the CO subsystems under the conditions investigated. The rate constant used for this reaction was updated taking the rate constant from Li and Williams [46] that was originally proposed by Lindstedt and Skevis [90].



A recent study by Keromnes et al. [35] showed that R29 is very sensitive to the fuel-lean flames. Many theoretical and experimental studies have been conducted in order to analyse the dependency of the reaction rate constants on the temperature [66, 91-92]. However, at temperatures around 1250 K, unusual temperature dependence is observed which leads to a non-Arrhenius behaviour and creates a deep minimum for the calculated rate constant [35]. This makes the reproduction of the temperature dependence very difficult and creates high level of uncertainties [42]. Recent investigations by Hong et al. [93] and Burke et al. [92], showed that R29 has a weak temperature dependence but they also concluded that future work is required to ensure the accuracy of the rate constants at temperatures between 900-1200 K. In this study we used rate constants defined by Keromnes et al. [35].

### 3.2 Ignition delay

Ignition delay time simulations were performed using RCM model in DARS. Ignition delay time obtained using the new mechanism was compared with that obtained by Keromnes et al. [35], Frassoldati et al. [25] and GRI Mech 3.0 [32] for four types of syngas compositions at  $T=800-1053\text{K}$ ,  $P=225\text{kPa}$  and  $\phi=0.63$ . Figure 2 shows that the ignition delay time for the new mechanism matches very well with those obtained using different tested mechanisms in the broad range of temperatures for all syngas types investigated in this paper. Figures 3 and 4 show the ignition delay times for new mechanism at high pressures. Analysis was performed for syngas type 1 at temperature range  $800-1053\text{K}$  and  $\phi=0.63$ , and syngas type 2 at temperature range  $800-1053\text{K}$  and  $\phi=0.83$ . The results obtained by using new mechanism were in a good agreement with the ignition delay times obtained by using Frassoldati et al. [25] and Keromnes et al. [35] mechanisms and in exceptionally good agreement with ignition delay times obtained by using GRI Mech 3.0 [32] mechanism.

We also compared the ignition delay times using syngas mixture compositions defined in Table 4 from the University of Connecticut. The study has been performed under stoichiometric conditions with 50%, 25% and 10%  $\text{H}_2$  in the  $\text{H}_2/\text{CO}$  fuel mixtures at the end-of-compression temperature range of  $914-1068\text{K}$  using the new mechanism and mechanism reported by Keromnes et al. [35]. Results on Figure 5 show the inhibiting effect of carbon monoxide on the syngas ignition delay times, which increase with increasing amounts of CO in the syngas mixture. The new mechanism captures this inhibiting effect accurately and its predictions are in a very good agreement.

### 3.3 Flame speed

The flame speed analysis was performed to compare the laminar flame speed obtained using the new mechanism with that of Keromnes et al. [35], Frassoldati et al. [25] and GRI Mech 3.0 [32]. Figure 6 shows that for syngas types 1-4 over a range of equivalence ratios, the new mechanism showed the identical trend in

laminar flame speed as the one obtained using above mentioned mechanisms. For syngas type 4, GRI Mech 3.0 mechanism slightly over predicted the laminar flame speed. This is due to the high  $H_2$  concentration in the type 4 syngas. GRI Mech 3.0 was developed to simulate mainly natural gas combustion and was not designed to predict the oxidation of fuel with high  $H_2$  content. Figure also shows that laminar flame speed for syngas type 2 is slightly higher due to higher  $H_2$  concentration compared to syngas types 1 and 3.

Using new mechanism we evaluated laminar flame speed for  $H_2/CO/CO_2$  mixtures and compared the results with experimental data by Hu et al. [94] and predictions from the different kinetics models [25, 32, 35] over a range of equivalence ratios,  $\phi=0.4-1.0$ . Figure 7 shows the flame speed calculated using the chemical kinetics mechanisms for  $H_2/CO/CO_2 - 35:35:30$  mixture at different pressures and temperatures. The new mechanism performed remarkably well at predicting the laminar flame speed across all the equivalence ratios investigated by Hu et al. [94].

In this study, we also considered the laminar flame speed of  $H_2/CH_4$  at a range of  $CH_4$  ratios and equivalence ratios to evaluate the new mechanism. Figure 8 shows the laminar flame speed for various  $H_2:CH_4$  ratios at  $T=298K$  and  $P=1atm$  and equivalence ratio ranging from 0.4 to 1.2. For  $H_2/CH_4$  mixtures the laminar flame speed results obtained with the new mechanism exhibit the best agreement with the laminar speed data obtained using Keromnes et al. [35] and GRI Mech 3.0 [32] mechanisms.

Laminar flame speed was also evaluated at high pressures. Figure 9 shows that at  $P=20$  bar the laminar speed data obtained using the new mechanism matches well with those obtained using GRI Mech 3.0 mechanism, showing slight deviation from the laminar flame speed obtained using Keromnes et al. [35] and Frassoldati et al. [25] mechanisms. However, this difference gradually disappears at lower equivalence ratio levels, those usually used in dual-fuel engine combustion. At high pressure of 80 bar the laminar flame speed data matches well for all tested mechanisms and equivalence ratios.

#### 4. Results and Discussion

#### 4.1 Mechanism validation for CFD combustion analysis

To validate the mechanism for the engine in-cylinder-like conditions in a dual-fuel engine, an analysis was performed by applying a pilot injection using the coupled CFD and syngas chemical kinetics mechanism. Figure 10 compares the in-cylinder pressure obtained by a new mechanism using CFD code with that of Slavinskaya et al. [27], Keromnes et al. [35], Frassoldatti et al. [25], GRI Mech 3.0 [32] and engine experiment. Figure 10 shows that new mechanism accurately simulates the engine in-cylinder combustion for syngas with different compositions where other syngas mechanisms show very large deviation from experiments. A similar trend was observed for a range of different equivalence ratios and injection timings.

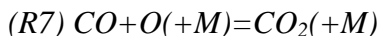
#### 4.2 Chemical kinetics mechanism for syngas with high H<sub>2</sub> content

The developed mechanism showed good match between simulation results and experimental data for syngas Types 1-3 (biomass solid feedstock) at various equivalence ratios and injection timings. However, with this mechanism the combustion rate was much higher for syngas Type 4 (coke-oven solid feedstock). The higher combustion rate was due to the effect of higher H<sub>2</sub>, higher CH<sub>4</sub> and lower CO gas concentrations.

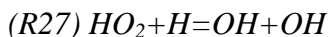
The rate constants for reaction  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H} = \text{H}_2 + \text{HO}_2$  were replaced by constants from different mechanisms as it was expected that with higher H<sub>2</sub> concentration the in-cylinder combustion rate would be affected by this reaction. This reaction is very important under low temperature and high pressure conditions. The consumption of one HO<sub>2</sub> radical leads to the production of one H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> molecule. The decomposition of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> will, in turn, lead to the formation of two high reactive OH radicals via  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 (+\text{M}) = \text{OH} + \text{OH} (+\text{M})$  [35]. Due to its high sensitivity  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H} = \text{H}_2 + \text{HO}_2$  reaction has been studied in detail by many authors in order to find the best-matching rate constants [42]. In fact, we can find a great variety in rate constant values used for different syngas chemical kinetic mechanisms. Konnov [42] proposed a new rate constant for reaction  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H} = \text{H}_2 + \text{HO}_2$  which is based on a new research by Baulch et al. [65]. Konnov [42] reevaluated  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H} = \text{H}_2 + \text{HO}_2$  rate constants and increased the uncertainty factor to 3.

We performed the reaction sensitivity study using the modified mechanism for syngas with a higher H<sub>2</sub>

content. It shows the high sensitivity of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(+\text{M})=\text{OH}+\text{OH}(+\text{M})$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2+\text{H}=\text{H}_2+\text{HO}_2$ , and  $\text{HO}_2+\text{HO}_2=\text{H}_2\text{O}_2+\text{O}_2$  reactions and low sensitivity of  $\text{HO}_2+\text{H}=\text{OH}+\text{OH}$  reaction. It should be noticed that reactions R7, R27 and R30 were not shown as sensitive in Figure 1 when the original mechanism was applied to syngas type 1 ( $\text{H}_2$ -13.7%), and showed strong sensitivity in Figure 11 when modified mechanism was applied to syngas type 4 ( $\text{H}_2$ -56.8%). Brief description of these three reactions is given below:



R7 is responsible for the conversions of CO to  $\text{CO}_2$  and is very sensitive at high pressures and high temperatures. In order to estimate accurately the dependence of R7 on the temperature and pressure, low pressure limit rate constants must be used [95]. For this research we used the high and low pressure limit rate constants which were proposed by Frassoldati et al. [25] and validated against experimental data.



According to O'Conaire et al. [96], changing the rate constant of R27 has an adverse effect on the results of the flow reactor simulations. They suggested a rate constant for R27 which is within the limits of the experimental data obtained from the NIST database [97], and has lower uncertainty factor. In this paper the rate constants proposed by O'Conaire [96] were adopted because they are within the limits of the experimental data.



This reaction is very sensitive during low temperature and high pressure conditions [98]. Both reactions, R30 with R31, contribute to the formation of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  which in turn decomposes into two highly reactive OH radicals through reaction R20. However, it can be said that R30 and R31 are competitors; in which R30 increases the reactivity as it produces two  $\text{HO}_2$  radicals while R31 inhibits the reactivity as it produces only one  $\text{HO}_2$  radical. The set of rate constants used by Keromnes et al. [35] was chosen for this study.

Comparison of two sensitivity analysis for Type 1 shown in Figure 1 and Type 4 shown in Figure 11 suggests that for Type 1, with lower  $\text{H}_2$  content, more carbon-based reactions play important role in chemical kinetics, whereas, for Type 4 with higher  $\text{H}_2$  content the number of hydrogen-based sensitive reactions



prevailed. Figures 12 and 13 show the flow of species of carbon and hydrogen in syngas Type 1 and Type 4. It is seen that for carbon atoms of both syngas types, the major paths represent the high-temperature hydrocarbon oxidation of  $\text{CH}_4$  through  $\text{CH}_3$  and further oxidation of  $\text{CH}_3$  to  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ .

Fluxes for H below 1% of maximum flow have been filtered. The flow analysis for hydrogen species at lower  $\text{H}_2$  content of syngas (Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3) showed the identical flow pattern at pressures 10, 30 and 50 bar as shown in Figure 13. However, when hydrogen concentration in the syngas increases more than 50 % (Type 4) flow from  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to OH and back increases as the pressure increases. It was observed that at high pressures the effect of H atom becomes noticeable to contribute to  $\text{HO}_2$  formation.

Ignition delay time and laminar flame speed obtained using modified mechanism were compared with those obtained using Keromnes et al. [35], Frassoldati et al. [25] and GRI Mech 3.0 [32] and the new mechanism. Figure 14 shows that modified mechanism that is tend to simulate syngas with high  $\text{H}_2$  concentration accurately predicted ignition delay and laminar flame speed. To estimate the effect of different rate constants on the in-cylinder heat production and pressure rise, the mechanism was tested by running 3D CFD analysis with reaction rate constants proposed by different authors. Figure 15 shows in-cylinder pressure CFD results for syngas composition of Type 4.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H} = \text{H}_2 + \text{HO}_2$  reaction constants proposed by Hong et al. [49] and adjusted power factor  $n = 0.0$  showed the closest match with experimental data.

#### 4.3 In-cylinder 3D combustion analysis

To validate the new mechanism shown in Table 3 for the in-cylinder-like conditions in a dual-fuel engine, an analysis was performed by applying a micro-pilot injection using the coupled CFD and developed syngas chemical kinetics mechanism. The pressure and ROHR plots shown in Figure 16 show a good match between the simulation results and experimental data for different types of syngas at various equivalence ratios and injection timings. Conditions A-B, C-D and E-F were simulated using the new chemical kinetics mechanism, and conditions G-H were simulated using the modified mechanism with constants for reaction R31 adopted

from Hong et al. [49] with adjusted power factor  $n = 0.0$ . Figure 17 shows the crank angle resolved in-cylinder spray and temperature distribution for syngas type 1 and type 4. The images show micro-pilot injected n-heptane spray development with further ignition and combustion of syngas. The maximum in-cylinder spatial temperature reached about 2200K and it is seen that the flame front propagates towards the cylinder wall gradually consuming the unburned in-cylinder mixture and the fuel is fully burned. The files with animation of the full combustion process for these two conditions are attached to this manuscript as supplementary material.

## 5. Conclusion

This study presents a new CFD-compatible syngas chemical kinetics mechanism based on the flow and reaction sensitivity analysis and CFD simulations. The developed syngas mechanism was validated in a supercharged dual-fuel engine with various syngas initial compositions under lean conditions concurrently by using a chemical kinetics code and a multidimensional CFD code. The results were compared with experimental data of combustion and syngas chemical kinetics mechanisms developed by other researchers. Ignition delay time and laminar flame speed results predicted by using the new mechanism are in a very good agreement with those obtained by using other validated syngas mechanisms. Sensitivity analysis showed that the reactivity of syngas mixtures was found to be governed by hydrogen and CO chemistry for  $H_2$  concentrations lower than 50% and mostly by hydrogen chemistry for  $H_2$  concentrations higher than 50%. In the mechanism validation, particular emphasis is placed on predicting the combustion under high pressure conditions. For high  $H_2$  concentration in syngas under high pressure, the reactions  $HO_2 + HO_2 = H_2O_2 + O_2$  and  $H_2O_2 + H = H_2 + HO_2$  were found to play important role affecting the in-cylinder combustion rate and heat production. The rate constants for  $H_2O_2 + H = H_2 + HO_2$  reaction showed strong sensitivity to high-pressure ignition times and has considerable uncertainty. To accurately simulate syngas derived from coke-oven feedstock with high  $H_2$  concentration some modifications to a new mechanism were introduced. In particular,

constants for reaction R31 were adopted from Hong et al. [49] with adjusted power factor  $n = 0.0$ . and reactions  $\text{HO}_2 + \text{OH} = \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$  and  $\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{OH} + \text{OH}$  were excluded from the mechanism. These reactions did not appear in the list of the most sensitive reactions. In fact, they are not contributing to the further chain branching and chain propagation where H radical presence is required.

Developed mechanism was used in CFD analysis to predict in-cylinder combustion of syngas and results were compared with experimental data. The new mechanism predicted the in-cylinder combustion performance well for both biomass and coke-oven syngas in a micro-pilot ignited supercharged dual-fuel engine, including the cylinder pressure history and heat-release rate data with respect to syngas composition, equivalence ratio, and injection timing.

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## FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. The 13 most sensitive reactions for syngas type 1 at 1000K and pressures 10, 30 and 50 bar.

Figure 2. Comparison of ignition delay time for syngas types 1-4 obtained with new mechanism.

Figure 3. Comparison of ignition delay time for syngas type 1 obtained with new mechanism with other mechanisms at temperatures 800-1052K, pressures 20, 40, 80 bars and equivalence ratio 0.6.

Figure 4. Comparison of ignition delay time for syngas type 4 obtained with new mechanism with other mechanisms at temperatures 800-1052K, pressures 20, 40, 80 bars and equivalence ratio 0.6.

Figure 5. Effect of CO concentration on ignition delay times of syngas mixtures compared with Keromnes et al. [35] mechanism.

Figure 6. Laminar flame speed results obtained with new mechanism for syngas types 1-4 and compared with other mechanisms.

Figure 7. Laminar flame speed of  $H_2/CO/CO_2$  -35:35:30 fuel mixture at  $P=1-3$  atm and  $T=303-373$  K.

Figure 8. Calculated laminar flame speed of  $H_2/CH_4$  fuel mixture obtained with new mechanism at  $P=1$  atm and  $T=298$  K and compared with different kinetic models.

Figure 9. Effect of pressure on the laminar flame speed obtained with new mechanism for syngas type 1 and comparison with different kinetic mechanisms.

Figure 10. Comparison of CFD in-cylinder pressure obtained using the new mechanism with the results using different chemical kinetics mechanisms for syngas types 1-3, equivalence ratio 0.48, 0.52, 0.6 and different timings of fuel micropilot injection.

Figure 11. The most sensitive reaction for modified syngas mechanism at temperature 1000K and pressures 10, 30 and 50 bar.

Figure 12. Comparison of reaction flows of carbon atoms for syngas Type 1 and Type 4 at 30 bar. Flow values are given in  $mol/(cm^3 \text{ sec})$

Figure 13. Comparison of reaction flows of hydrogen atoms for syngas at temperature 1000 K and pressures 10, 30 and 50 bar. (A) type 1, (B) type 4. Fluxes below 1% of maximum flow have been filtered. Flow values are given in  $mol/(cm^3 \text{ sec})$

Figure 14. Data obtained with modified mechanism for syngas type 4 with high  $H_2$  and compared with other kinetic mechanisms. (A) Ignition delay calculated at temperatures 800-1052K, pressure 225kPa and equivalence ratio 0.6. (B) Laminar flame speed calculated at temperature 450K, pressure 225K and equivalence ratio 0.4-1.0.

Figure 15. Effect of different reaction rates of  $H_2O_2+H=H_2+HO_2$  reaction on 3D CFD in-cylinder pressure during micro-pilot ignited syngas combustion.

Figure 16. Comparison of experimental and simulated in-cylinder pressures and heat release rates of dual-fuel micro-pilot ignited syngas combustion. Computed using 3D-CFD with new kinetic mechanism. (A-B) Type 1, (C-D) Type 2, (E-F) Type 3 and (G-H) Type 4.  $P_{IVC} = 225$  kPa,  $T_{IVC} = 330$  K.

Figure 17. Sequential images of dual-fuel micro-pilot ignited syngas combustion with new kinetics mechanisms. (A) New mechanism, Type 3,  $\phi=0.6$ ,  $\theta_{inj} = 14^\circ$ BTDC,  $P_{IVC} = 225$  kPa,  $T_{IVC} = 330$  K. (B) Modified mechanism, Type 4,  $\phi=0.6$ ,  $\theta_{inj} = 3^\circ$ BTDC,  $P_{IVC} = 225$  kPa,  $T_{IVC} = 330$  K.

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TABLE CAPTIONS

- Table 1. Engine specification and simulation conditions
- Table 2. Syngas composition
- Table 3. Chemical kinetics mechanism for micro pilot-ignited dual-fuel syngas combustion simulation (A units cal-cm-sec-K, E units cal/mol).
- Table 4. Mixture composition of the ignition delay times experiments in the RCM from the University of Connecticut.

SUPPLIMENTARY DATA

- Animation file 1. Diesel micro-pilot ignited dual-fuel combustion of syngas. Top View, Type 3,  $\phi=0.6$ .
- Animation file 2. Diesel micro-pilot ignited dual-fuel combustion of syngas. Side View, Type 3,  $\phi=0.6$ .
- Animation file 3. Diesel micro-pilot ignited dual-fuel combustion of syngas. Top View, Type 6,  $\phi=0.6$ .
- Animation file 4. Diesel micro-pilot ignited dual-fuel combustion of syngas. Side View Type 6,  $\phi=0.6$ .

Table 1

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Engine type	4-stroke, single cylinder water cooled
Bore x Stroke	96 x 108 mm
Swept volume	781.7 cm <sup>3</sup>
Compression ratio	16
Combustion system	Dual-fuel, direct injection
Combustion chamber	Shallow dish
Engine speed	1000 rpm
Intake valve closure (IVC)	135 deg. BTDC
Initial pressure at IVC	225 kPa
Initial temperature at IVC	330 K
Injection system	Common-rail
Nozzle hole x diameter	4x0.10 mm
Pilot fuel injection pressure	80 MPa
Pilot fuel injection quantity	1.2 mg/cycle
Equivalence ratio	Variable

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Table 2  
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Gas type	Composition					LHV (MJ/kg)	Source
	H <sub>2</sub> (%)	CO (%)	CH <sub>4</sub> (%)	CO <sub>2</sub> (%)	N <sub>2</sub> (%)		
Type 1	13.7	22.3	1.9	16.8	45.3	4.13	BMG
Type 2	20.0	22.3	1.9	16.8	39.0	4.99	BMG
Type 3	13.7	22.3	1.9	23.0	39.1	3.98	BMG
Type 4	56.8	5.9	29.5	2.2	5.6	38.69	COG

Table 3

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## Skeletal syngas mechanism

	Reactions	A	n	E <sub>A</sub>	Ref.
R1	C7H16+11O2=7CO2+8H2O /EBU/ 4. 0. 1 0.	0.	0.	0.	[47]
R2	CH4+O2=CH3+HO2	3.98E13	0.0	56855.5	[46]
R3	CH4+HO2=CH3+H2O2	0.964E11	0.0	24629.4	[46]
R4	CH4+OH=CH3+H2O	1.60E07	1.83	2771.1	[73]
R5	CH3+O2=CH2O+OH	3.30E11	0.0	8934.4	[25]
R6	CH2O+OH=HCO+H2O	3.90E10	0.0	406.1	[46]
R7	CO+O(+M)=CO2(+M) /LOW / 0.2070E27 -3.340 7610.0 /M/ H2O/12.00/ H2/2.00/ CO/1.50/ CO2/2.00/ AR/0.50/	9.04E12	0.89	3800.0	[25]
R8	CO+OH=CO2+H	0.9600E12	0.14	7352.0	[25]
R9	CO+OH=CO2+H	0.7320E11	-1.00	-16.0	[25]
R10	CO+HO2=CO2+OH	0.1200E18	0.00	17000.0	[25]
R11	CO+H2O=CO2+H2	0.2000E9	0.00	38000.0	[25]
R12	HCO(+M)=CO+H(+M) /M/ H2O/5.00/ CO2/3.00/ H2/1.90/ CO/1.90/	0.3000E14	0.03	23000.0	[25]
R13	HCO+O=CO2+H	0.3000E14	0.00	0.0	[25]
R14	HCO+H=H2+CO	0.1000E13	0.00	0.0	[25]
R15	HCO+OH=H2O+CO	0.5000E14	0.00	0.0	[25]
R16	HCO+HO2=H2O2+CO	0.4000E12	0.00	0.0	[25]
R17	HCO+HO2=>H+OH+CO2	0.3000E14	0.00	0.0	[25]
R18	O2+CO=CO2+O	0.2530E10	0.00	0.0	[25]
R19	O2+HCO=HO2+CO	0.1000E15	0.00	47700.0	[25]
R20	OH+OH(+M)=H2O2(+M) /LOW / 0.2300E19 -0.900 -1700.0 /TROE/ 0.7346 94.00 1756.0 5182.0 /M/ H2/2.00 /H2O/6.00/ CO/1.50/ CO2/2.00/ AR/0.70/	0.7400E14	-0.370	0.0	[25]
R21	H+O2=OH+O	3.52E16	-0.7	17061.4	[63]
R22	H2+O=OH+H	5.06E4	2.67	6287.6	[79]
R23	H2+OH=H2O+H	1.17E9	1.3	0.0	[79]
R24	H+O2(+M)=>HO2(+M) /LOW / 1.737E19 -1.23 0.0 /M/ AR/0.0/ H2/1.3/ H2O/10.0/ CO/1.9/ CO2/3.8/	4.6E12	0.4	0.0	[35]
R25	H+H(+M)=>H2(+M) /M/ H2/2.5/ H2O/12.0/ CO/1.9 /CO2/3.8/ AR/0.5/	1.30E18	-1	0.0	[63]
R26	H+OH(+M)=>H2O(+M) /M/ H2/2.5/ H2O/12.0/ CO/1.9/ CO2/3.8/ AR/0.38/	4.00E22	-2	0.0	[63]
R27	HO2+H=>OH+OH	7.08E13	0.0	298.8	[97]
R28	HO2+H=H2+O2	1.66E13	0.0	821.8	[35]
R29	HO2+OH=H2O+O2	2.69E13	0.0	-500	[42]
R30	HO2+HO2=H2O2+O2	1.300E11	0.00	-1.630E03	[35]

Additional reactions for biomass feedstock derived gas (low H<sub>2</sub> concentration)

	Reactions	A	n	E <sub>A</sub>	Ref.
R29b	HO2+OH=H2O+O2	2.456E13	0.0	-4.97E02	[35]
R31	H2O2+H=H2+HO2	7.7E12	0.0	3755	[42]
R32	O+H2O=OH+OH	2.97E06	2.02	1.340E04	[35]

Reaction constants for coke-oven feedstock derived gas (high H<sub>2</sub> concentration)

	Reactions	A	n	E <sub>A</sub>	Ref.
R31	H2O2+H=H2+HO2	1.21E07	0.0	5200	[49]

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H <sub>2</sub> (%)	CO (%)	O <sub>2</sub> (%)	N <sub>2</sub> (%)	<i>T</i> <sub>c</sub> (K)
12.500	0.000	6.250	81.250	914 -1010
6.250	6.250	6.250	81.250	929 -1031
3.125	9.375	6.250	81.250	959 -1052
1.250	11.250	6.250	81.250	973 -1068



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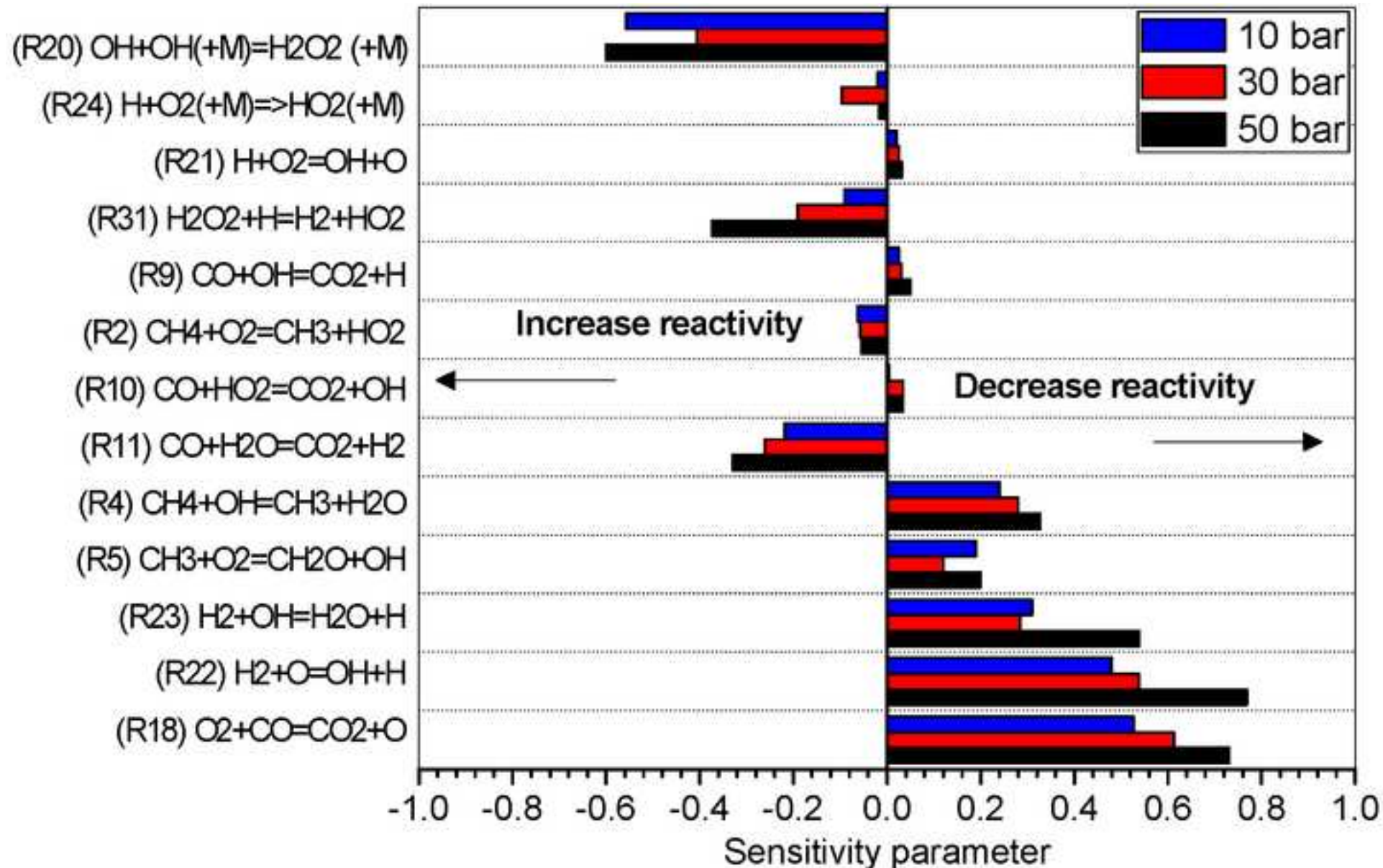


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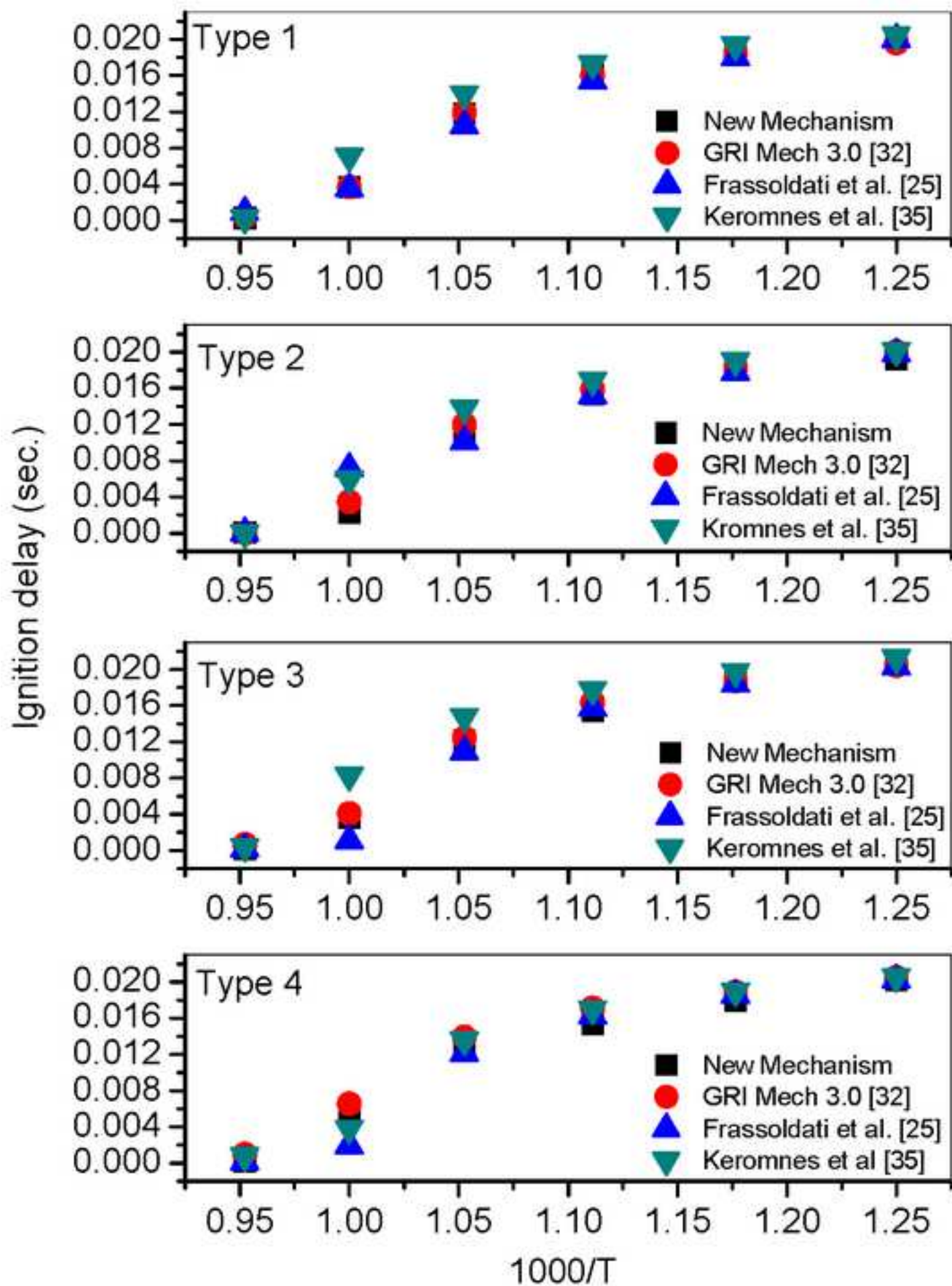


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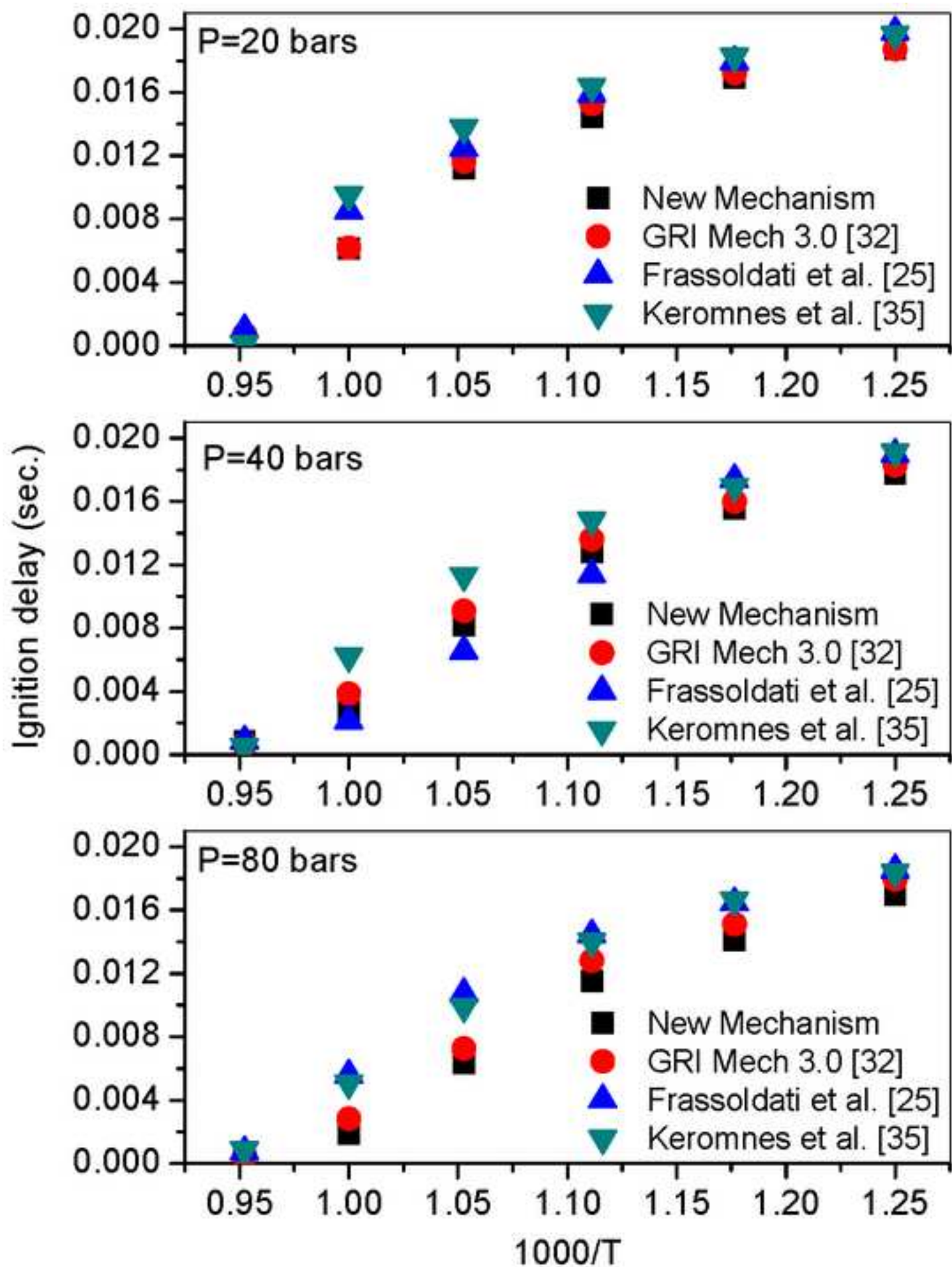




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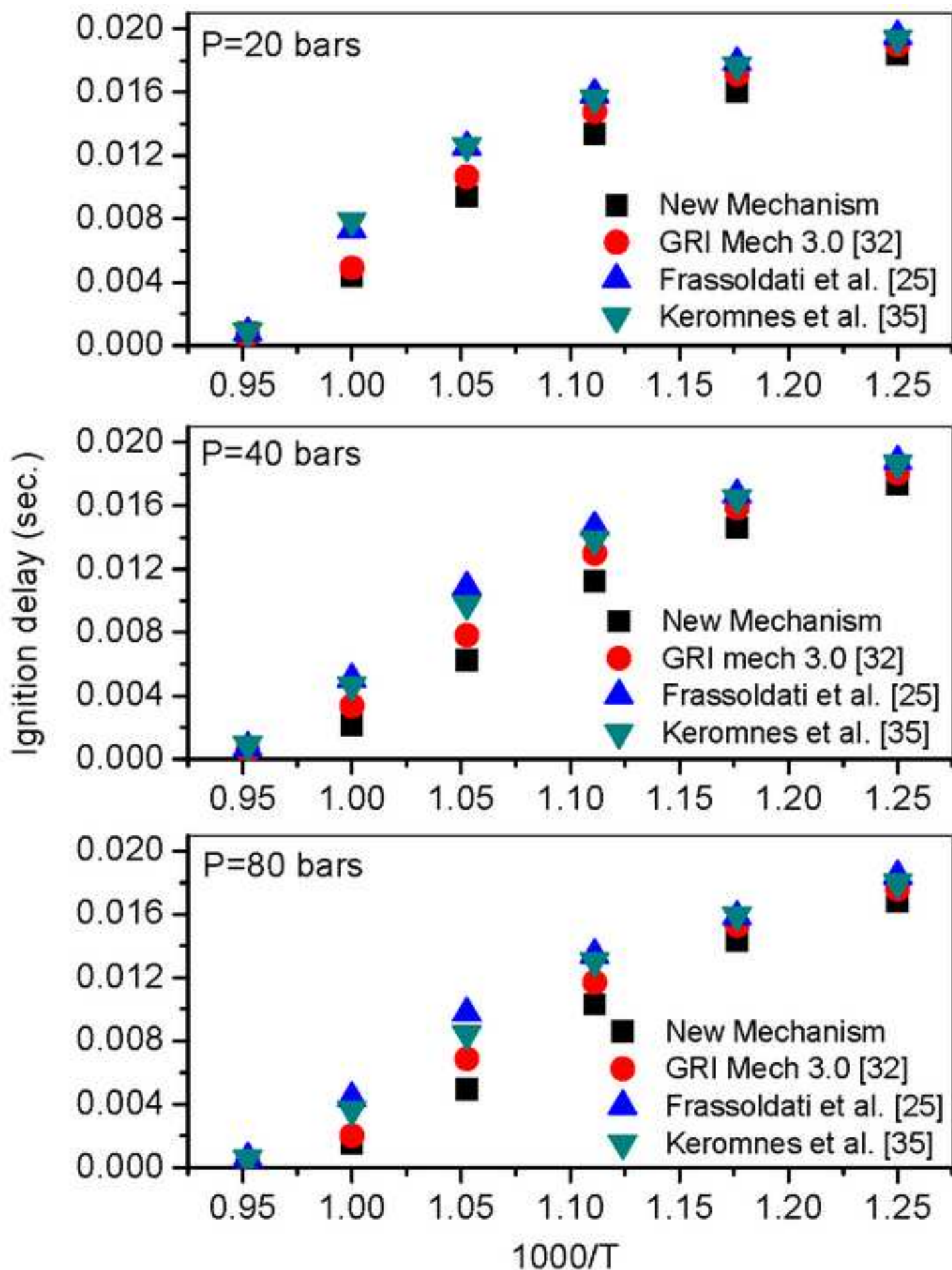


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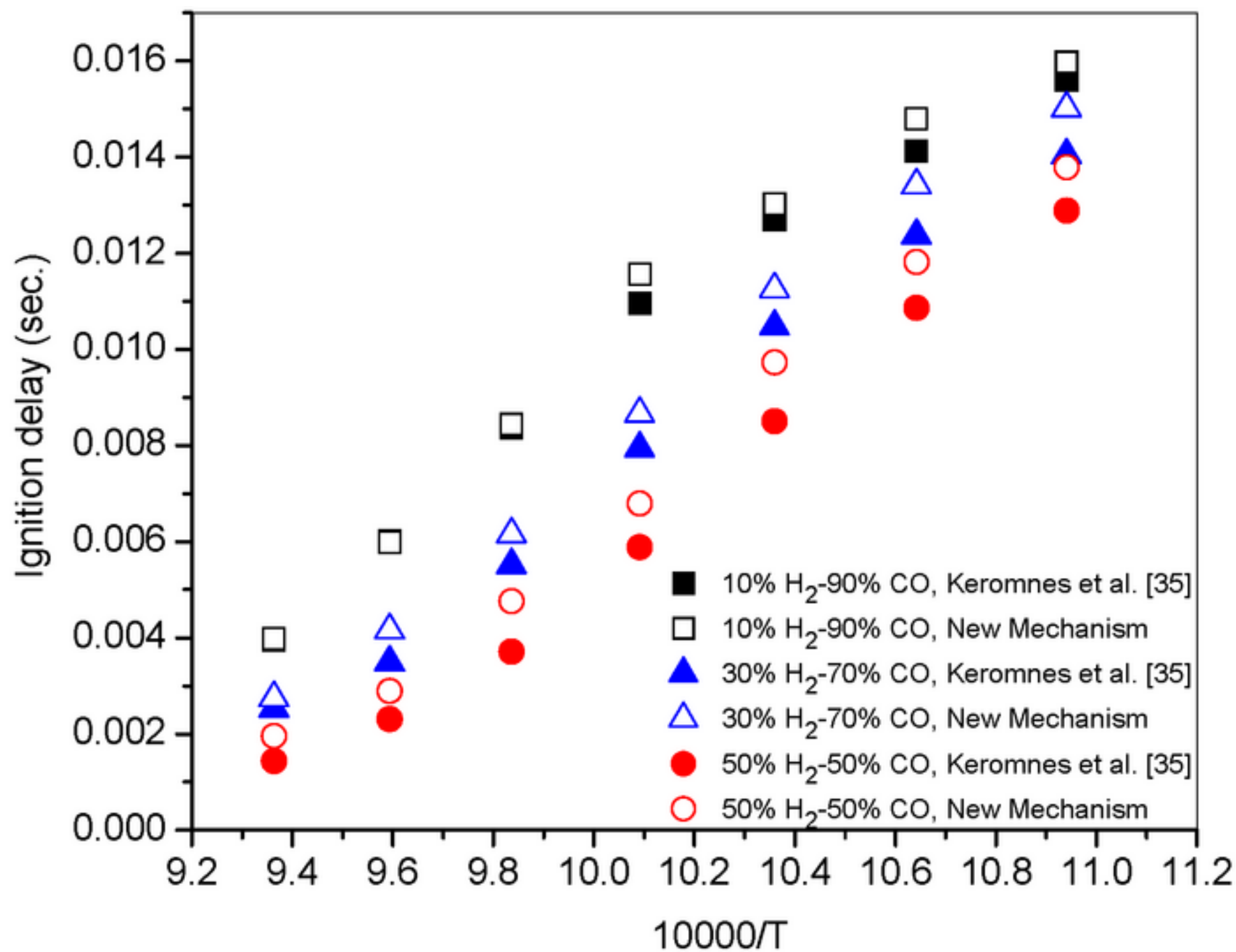




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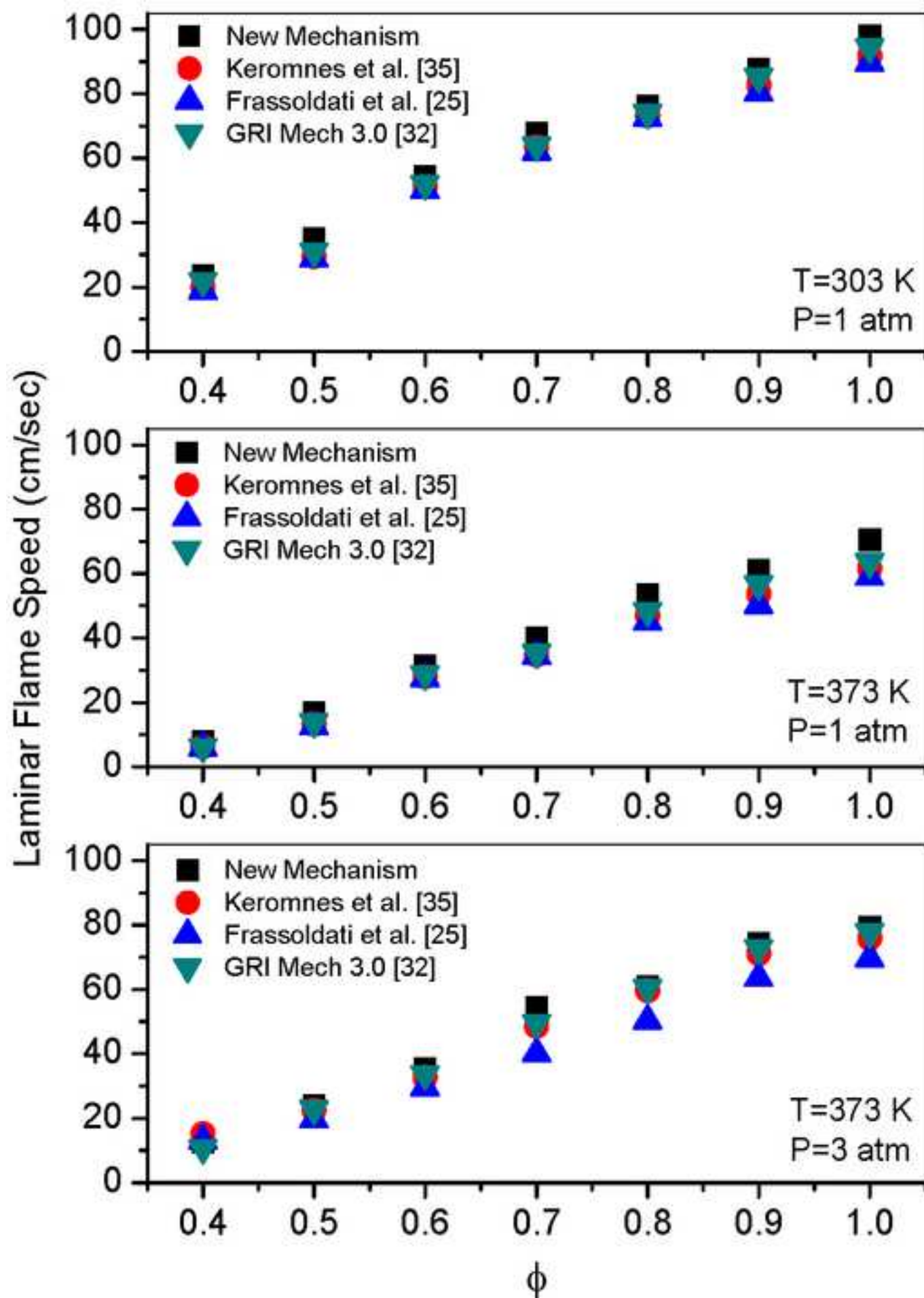




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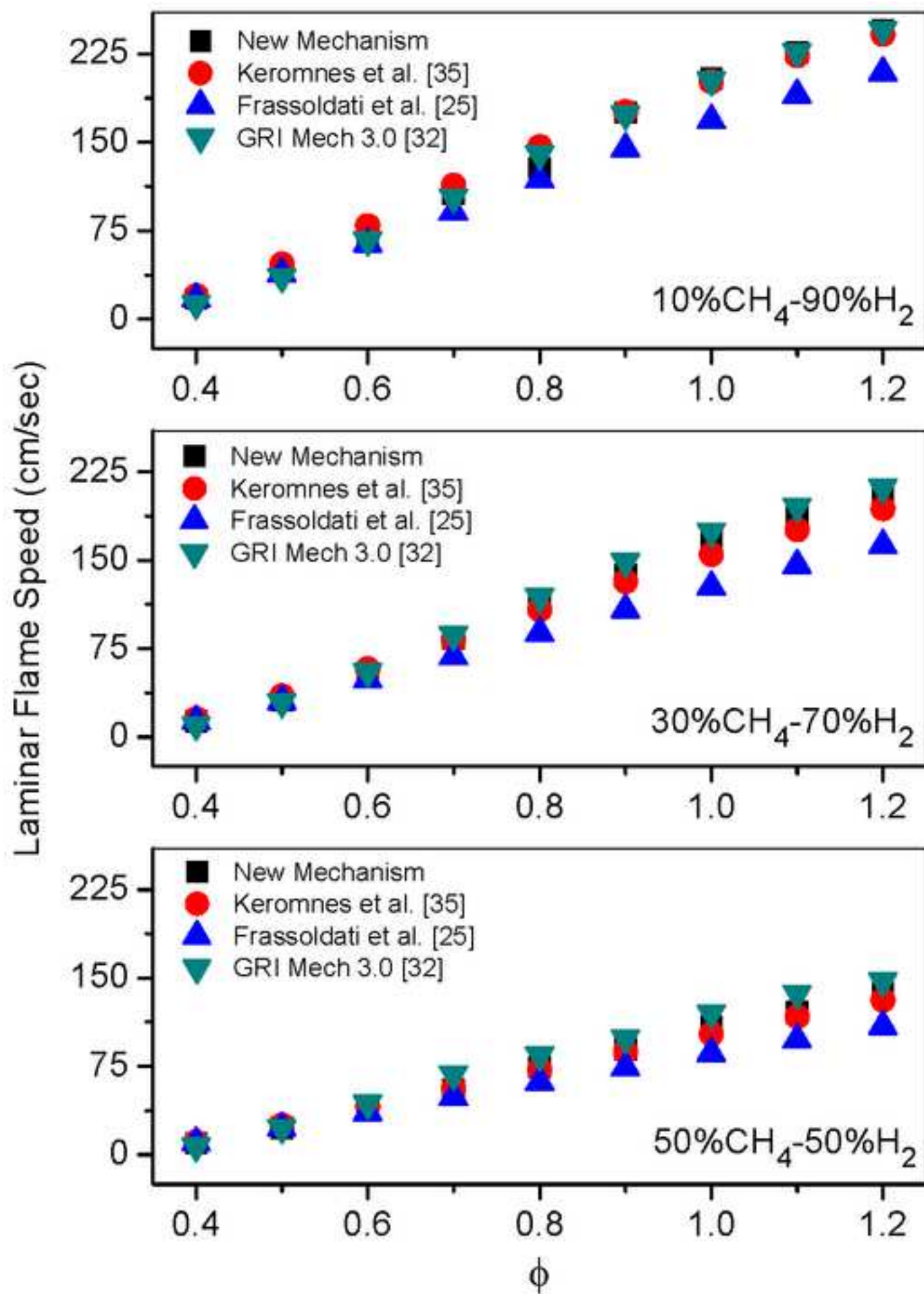




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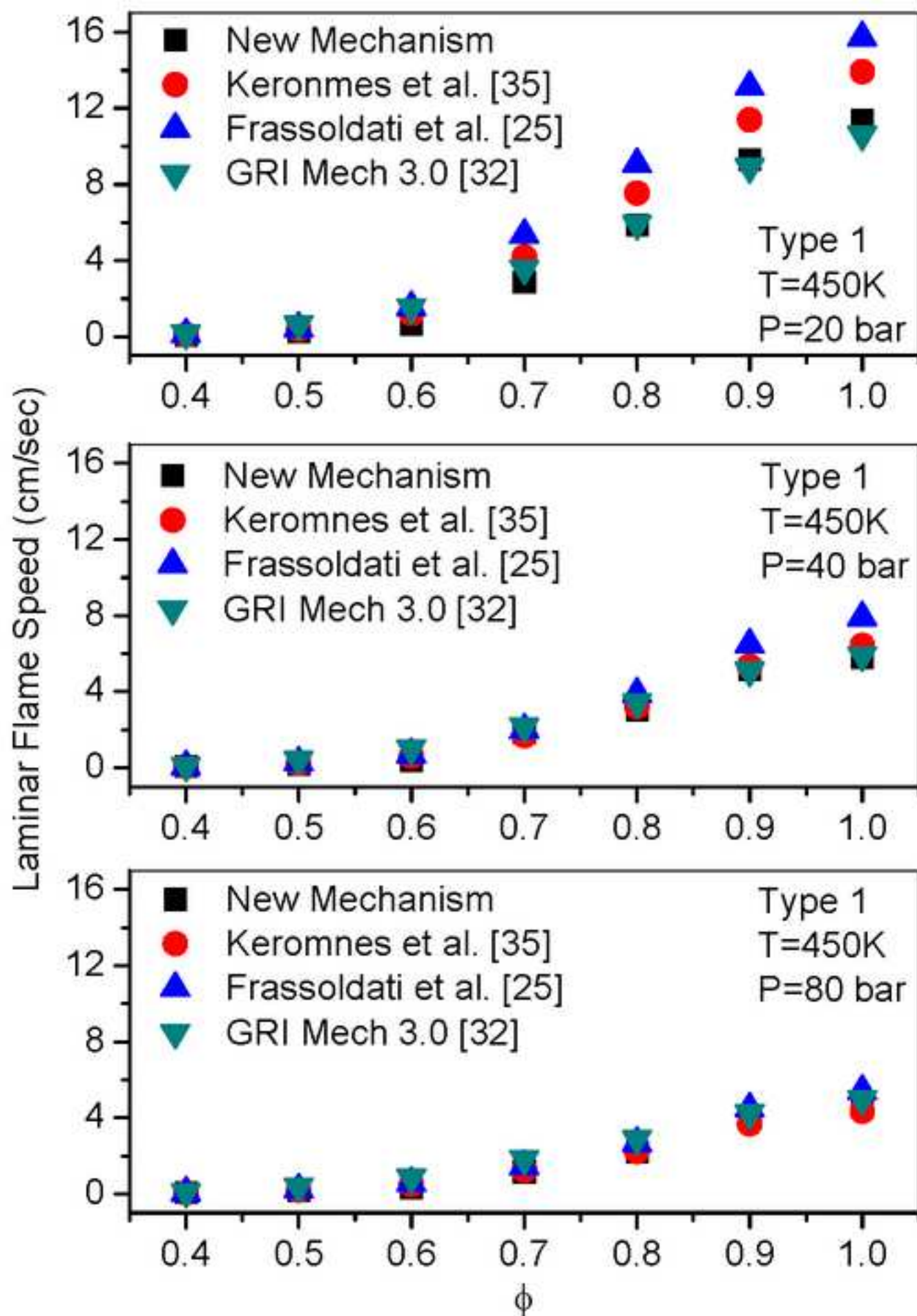


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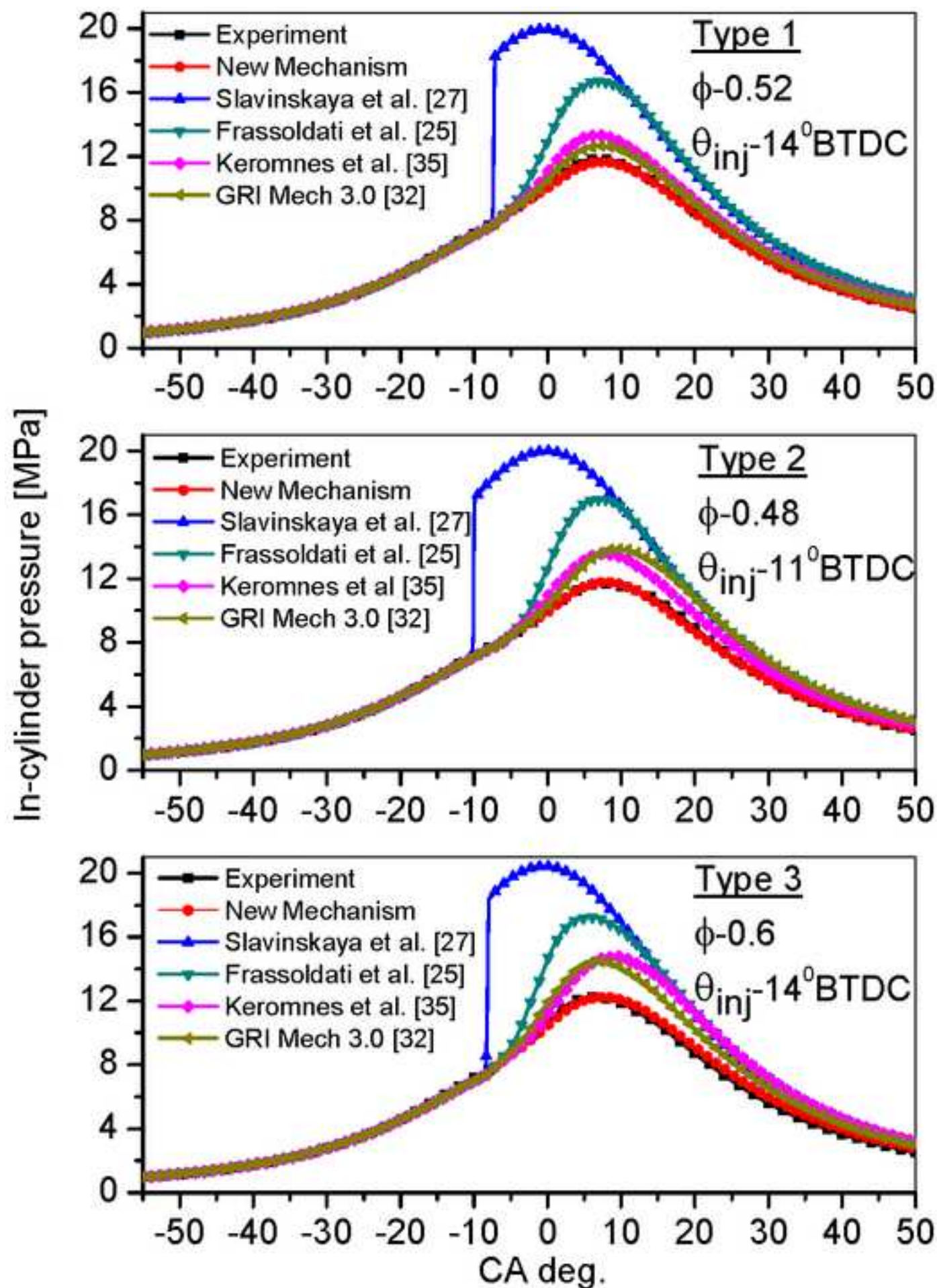


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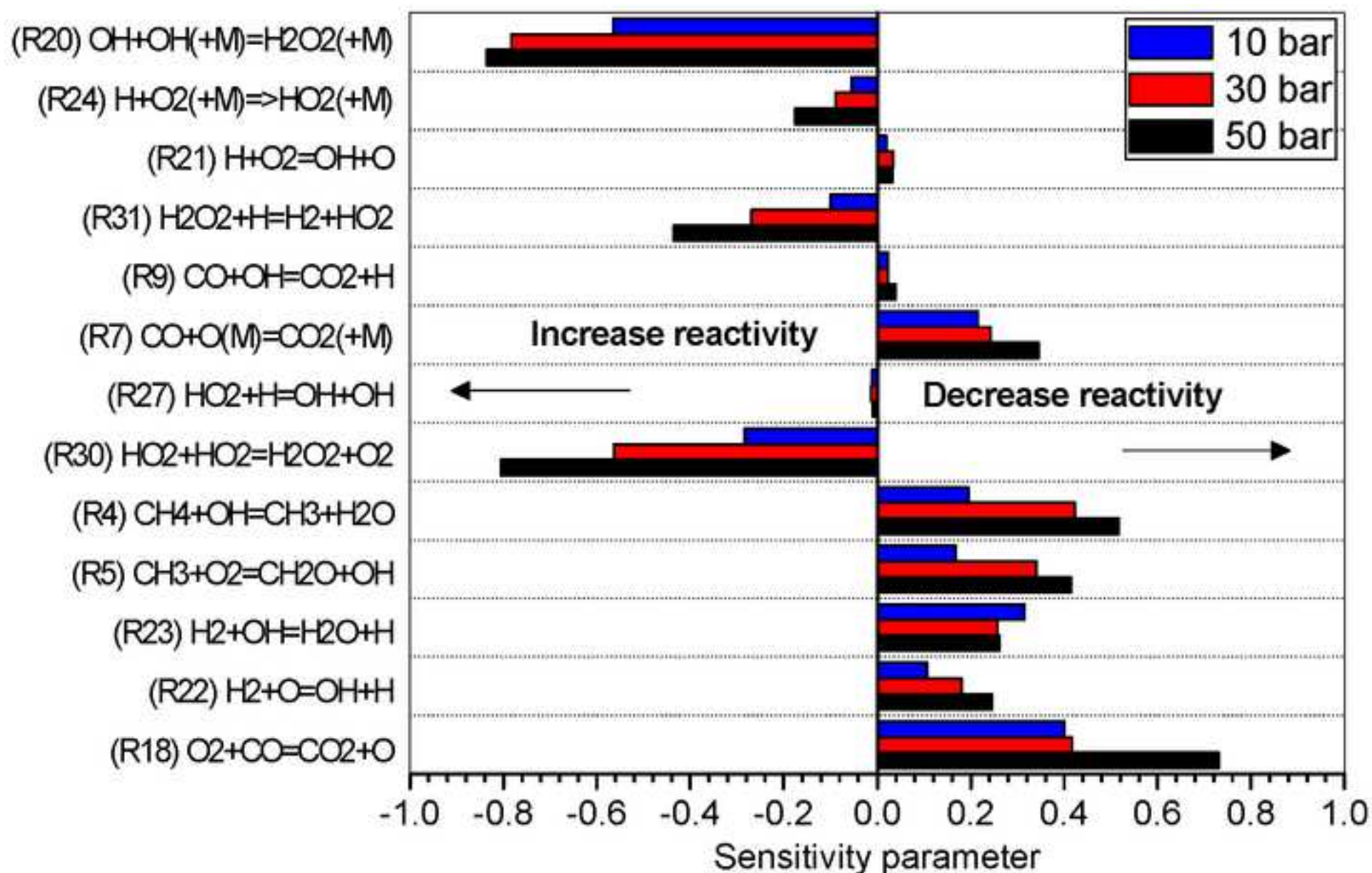
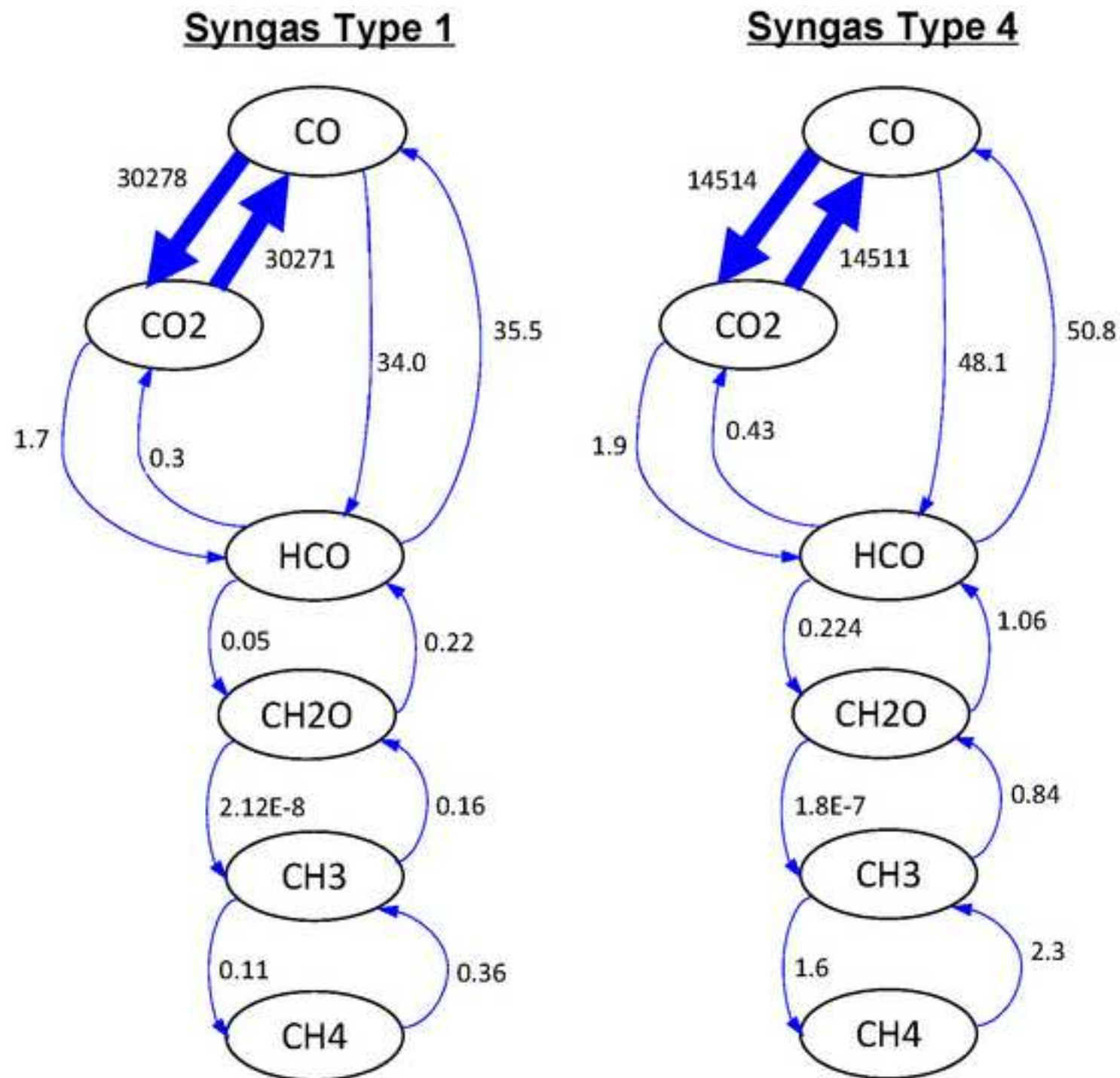




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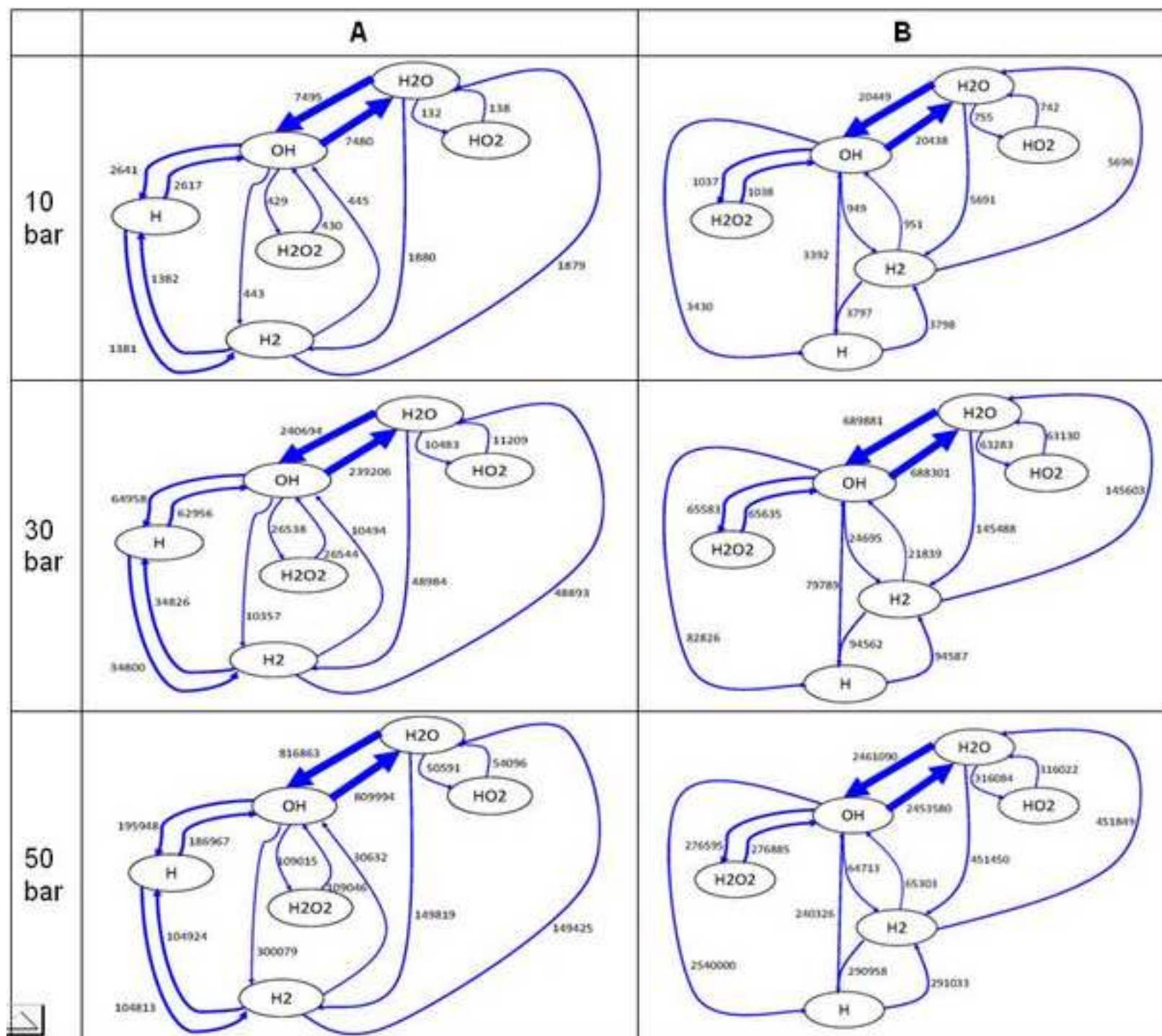


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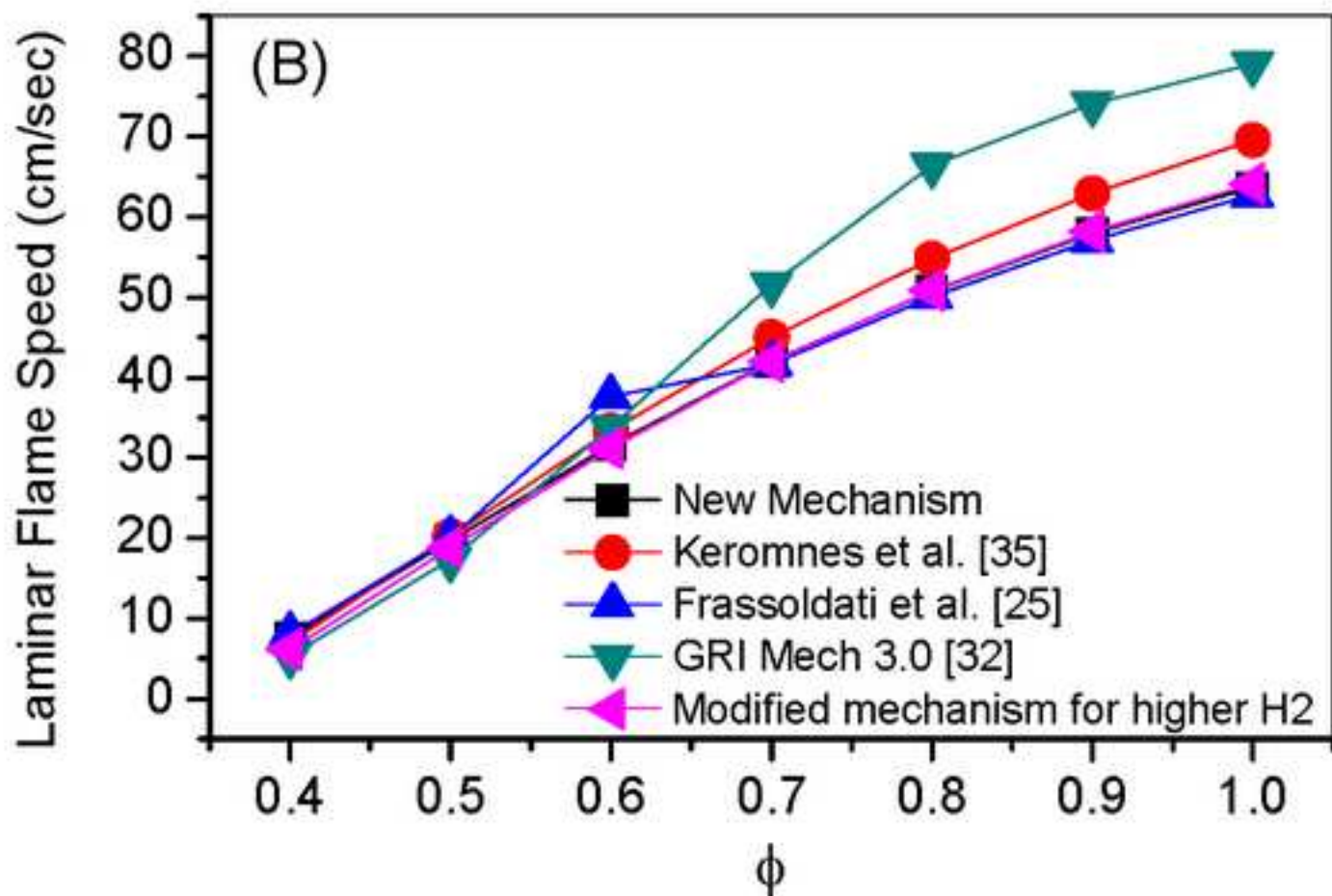
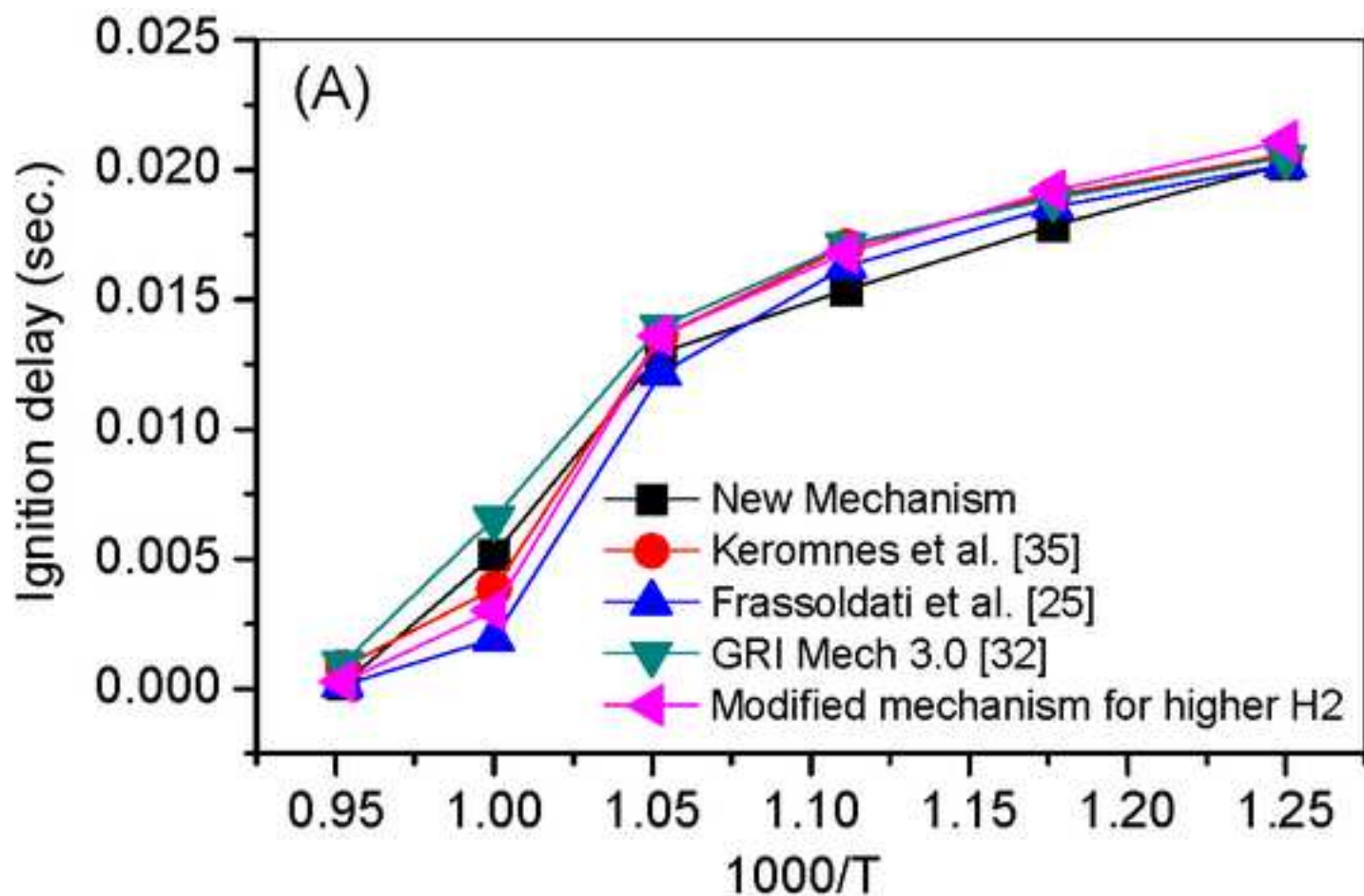




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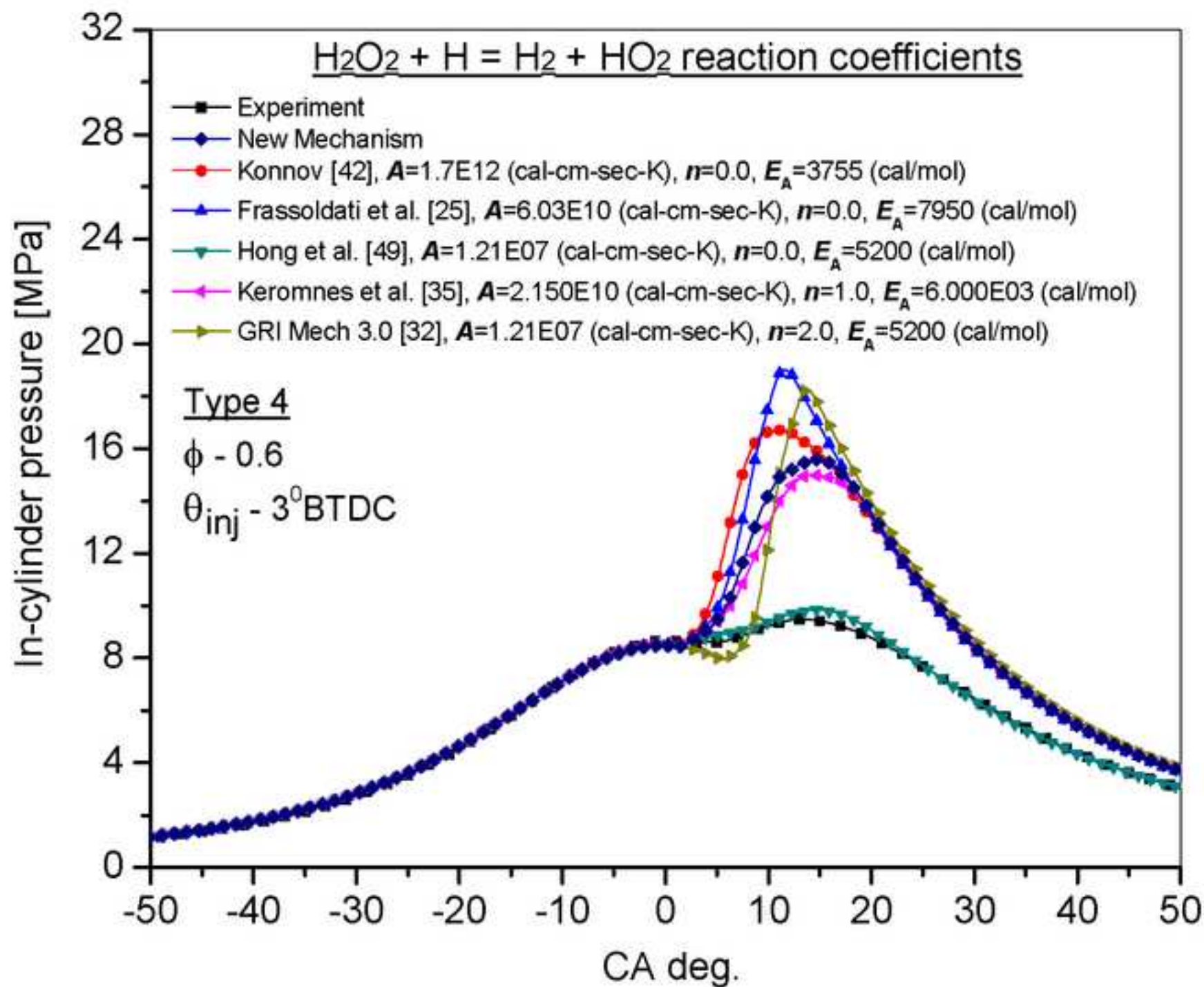


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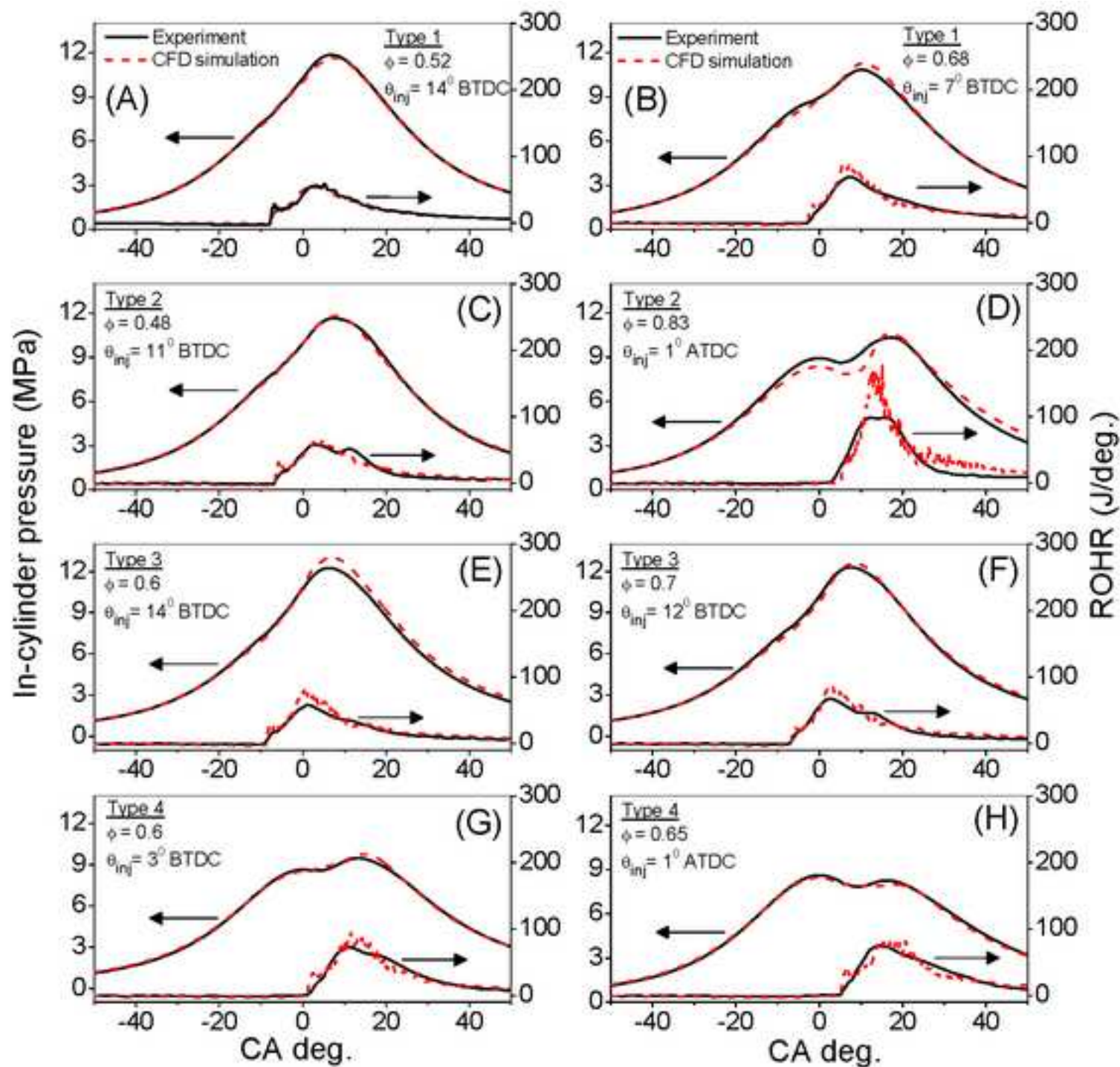
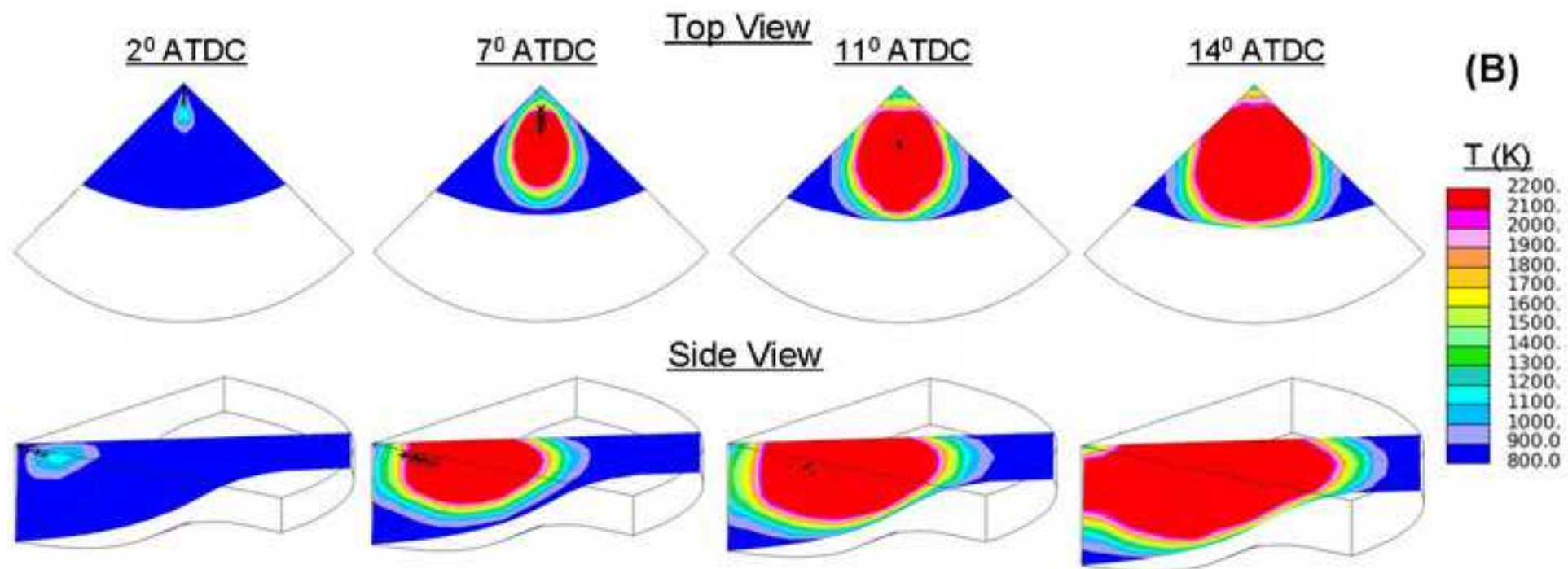
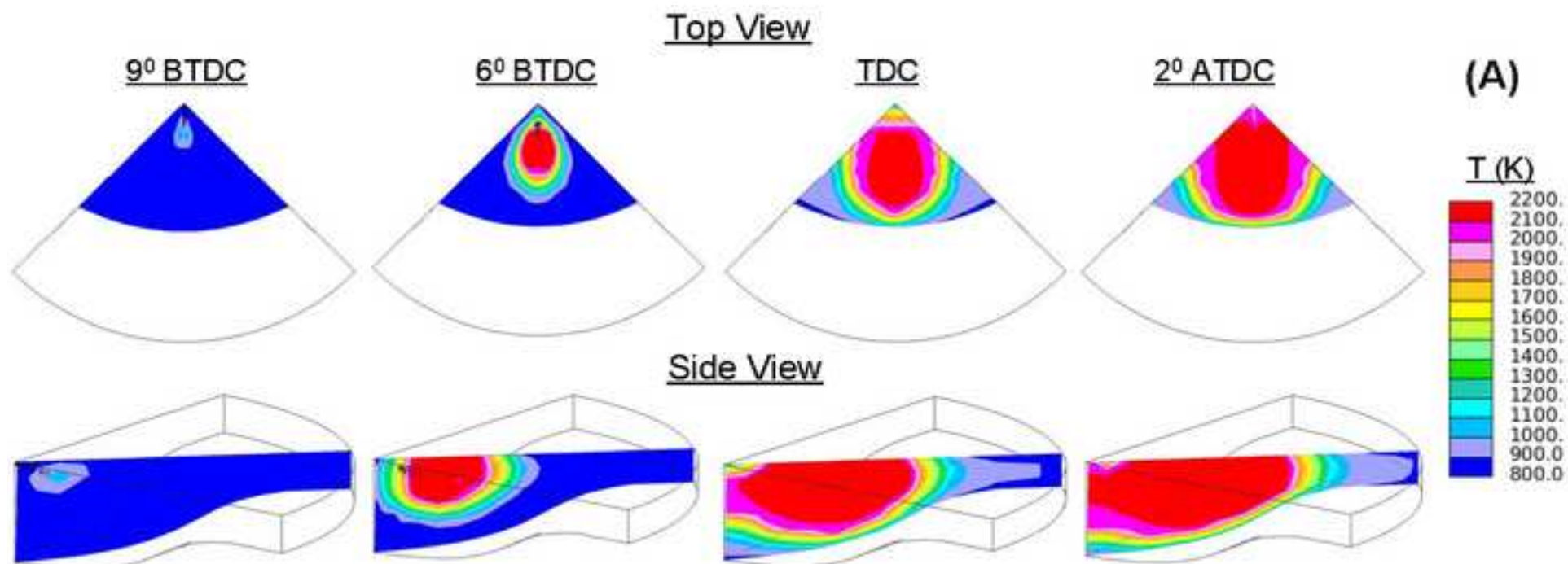




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